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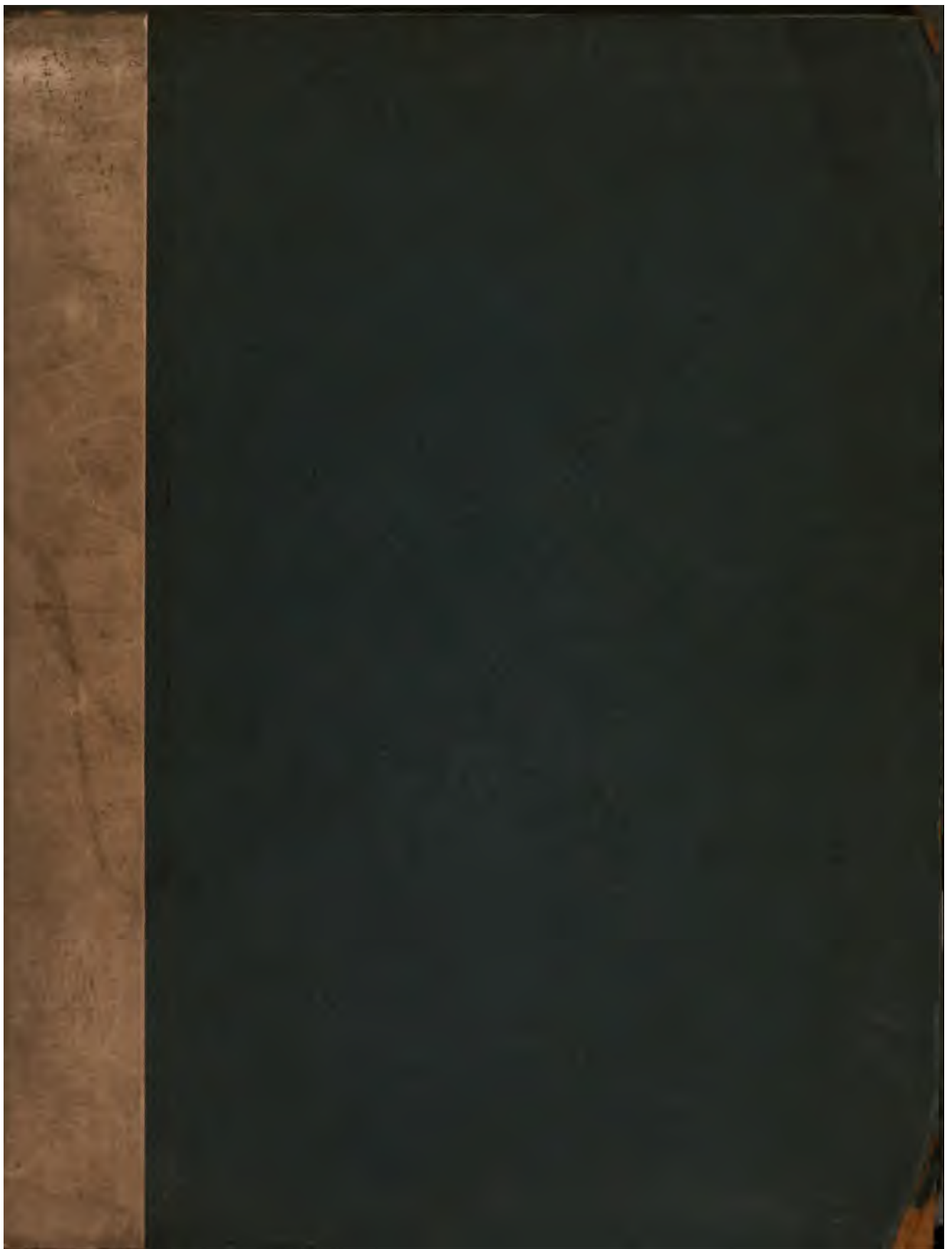
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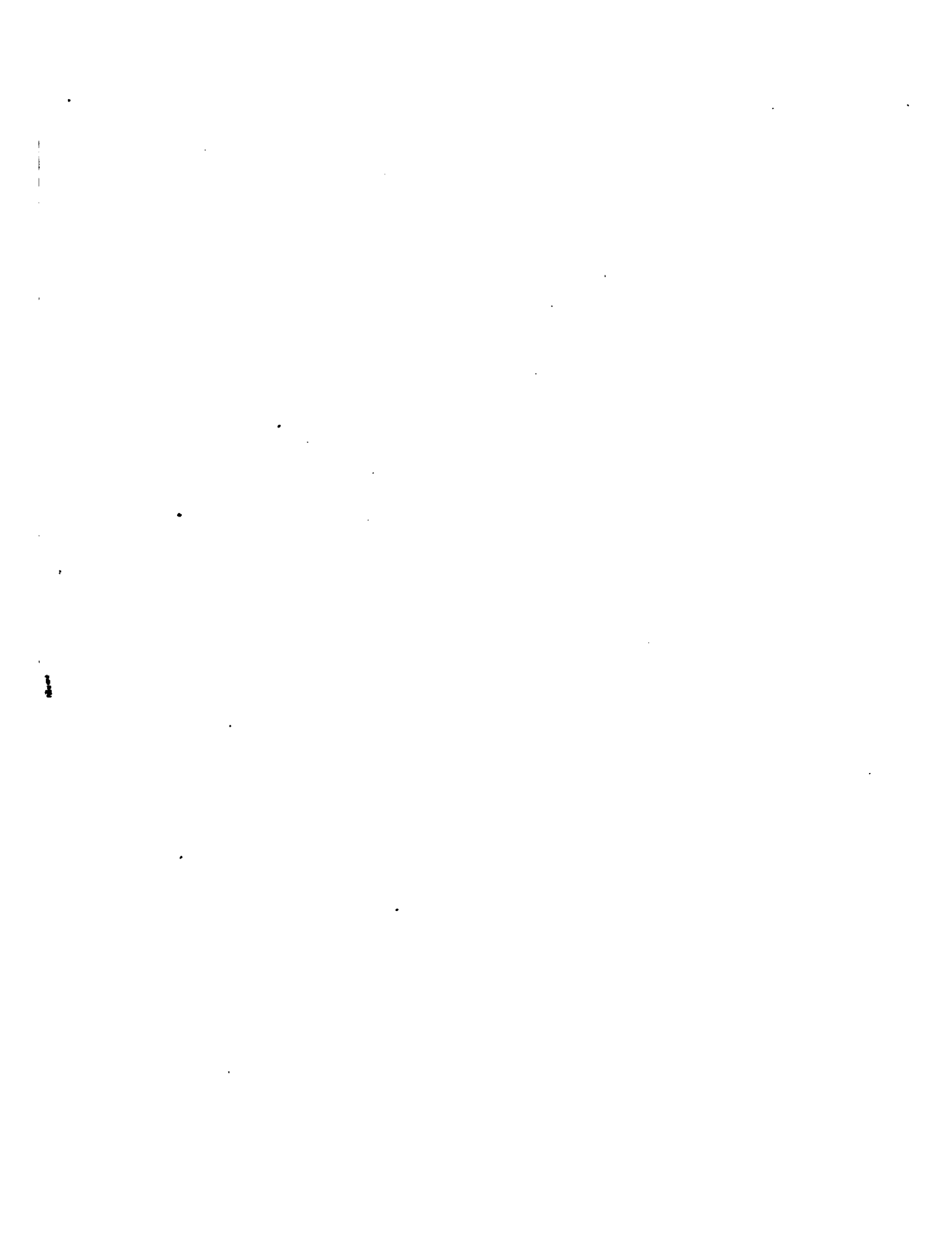
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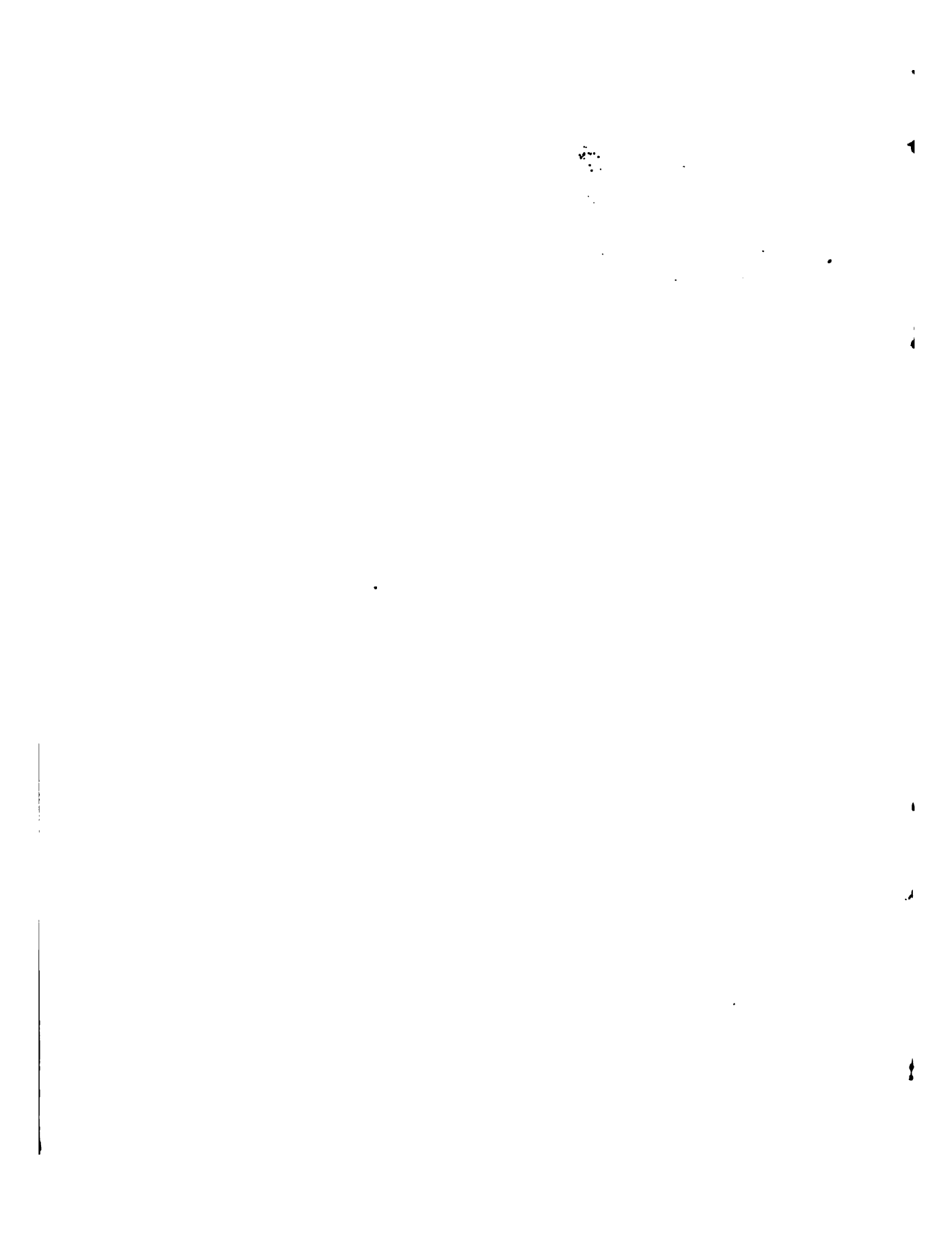
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INTRODUCTION.

IN Scotland, as elsewhere, the latter half of the eighteenth century was marked by a signal revival of intellectual life. Varied in form and far-reaching in effect, its influence extended to the nation as a whole. But it was in connection with the Universities that the new life first made itself conspicuously felt. Far more than now these seats of learning were then the centre of the national thought, both representing and moulding the tendencies of the time ; and so it was but natural that in them those tendencies should very early come into play. With a quickened intellectual life, as a matter of course, came increased and keener speculation, and speculation inevitably brought discussion in its train. It would, accordingly, have been strange if, despite that absence of social life which has so long been a defect of the Scottish University system, societies for such discussion had not taken their rise among the students. Such societies, however, did spring up at the different Universities, and that in considerable numbers. Some had the pursuit of a special study or branch of science, chiefly, if not solely, in view ; while others had rather for their object the general culture of their members. At Edinburgh most of them had but a brief existence, dying out when their founders had finished their College course ; and, although a few survived for a longer time, only one continues to the present day. The Royal Medical Society, the Speculative Society, the Juridical Society, and the Royal Physical Society, it is true, all date from

last century ; but they have their own Halls, Libraries, and other property, and none of them has any special connection with the University, though naturally it is from its past and present students that their members are chiefly drawn.

Of University Societies the Dialectic is the sole survivor from last century, and it is older by twenty-eight years than the oldest of its sisters. Through the unfortunate loss of its first minute-book the details connected with its foundation must, it is feared, remain for ever unknown ; but it is known to have been founded in 1787, and the names of its first members have also happily been handed down. The other minute-books have been all carefully preserved, and it is from them that the materials of this sketch have chiefly been derived. The second minute-book (the oldest now known to be in existence) commences with the minute of 10th Dec. 1791, and contains the Laws of the Society as adjusted and approved by a resolution of 18th Feb. 1792 ; and also the signatures of a number of the early members in token of their assent to the laws. It has been considered proper to print these early laws in full, both as of interest in themselves and as accurately representing the early procedure of the Society.

RULES OF THE DIALECTIC SOCIETY.

1st. That the Society shall meet every Saturday evening at six o'clock and dismiss at nine.

2d. That this Institution is principally intended for the benefit of Students who attend the University ; but other gentlemen, of whose ability and moral character the Society is amply satisfied, may be admitted. A written petition must be given in before any gentleman can be received as a member.

3d. That the Society shall at each meeting discuss a Philological, Moral, or Political Question, and choose another for the subsequent meeting.

Appointed speakers on each side having spoken once, the Members shall be called to deliver their sentiments in order.

4th. That no Member shall be allowed to speak above ten minutes at once without the Society's special indulgence.

5th. That no personal invectives shall be indulged in the Society, nor anything prejudicial to the character of Members reported out of it, under pain of expulsion.

6th. That the Members shall preside in regular rotation. The President to constitute the Society by prayer, to deliver an Essay not exceeding fifteen minutes in length before the Debate begin,—to preserve order and prevent wanton interruptions of speakers during the Debate,—and to support the dignity of the Society on all occasions. At the end of the Debate the President for next evening shall take the chair, and, in the meantime, he shall appoint the speakers, and close the meeting by prayer.

7th. That the Society shall make their remarks on the President's Essay, but no criticism on Speeches shall be permitted.

8th. That Members who do not come forward within fifteen minutes after the hour of meeting, and those who absent themselves for one or more nights successively without producing a satisfactory excuse, shall pay a fine (in no case exceeding a shilling) if the Society think proper to exact it. Long absence without a good reason infers expulsion. But the object of this Society supposes that many of its Members must necessarily be absent during summer.

9th. That on ordinary occasions no Visitors shall be admitted without the Society's special indulgence. But it is proposed that this Society in its progress have a meeting once a month or fortnight, at which Members shall be desired to introduce as many gentlemen as they please. Visitors shall be invited to deliver their sentiments on the Questions they find under review.

10th. That Three Members shall be sufficiently authorised to constitute the Society and proceed to business.

Early in session 1791-92, a motion was unanimously adopted to the effect 'that the Members of the Society should contrive some

expedient to make it better known, as this would contribute to promote both their own improvement and their usefulness to others.' This resulted in a resolution of 14th January 1792, by which regulations were adopted for the admission of visitors on the first Saturday of every month. It may be noted that the subject of discussion at the first open meeting, held on 4th January 1792, was the Abolition of the Slave Trade. At this meeting there were fourteen visitors, and at the meeting on 3d March twenty-four visitors were present. The minute of the latter meeting bears that, 'all the visitors, in consideration of their good behaviour, were invited to be present' at the following open meeting; and the success of this meeting also seems to have led the Society to resolve that there should be a public debate every other week. The next stage was reached on 26th May, when it was resolved that thenceforth each member should have authority to introduce, upon any night, as many visitors as he pleased. But at length, on 26th January 1793, it is agreed 'that henceforth there shall be no more public meetings, and that visitors shall be admitted only upon special indulgence;' and, though the regulations regarding the admission of visitors have varied from time to time, it has always been on the footing then laid down.

Originally, it appears, the members presided in turn, and these public debates seem first to have suggested the propriety of making the Presidentship elective. The practice was for the President of the night to nominate two members, and the Society then chose one of them to preside at the ensuing open meeting; and, on 26th May 1792, this procedure was adopted for all meetings of the Society. As might be conjectured, from the nature and result of the debates, and the subjects of the essays, the backbone of the Society was at this time formed of young men studying for the Relief or Secession ministry, or at all events in some way connected with

Dissent. They were very much in earnest, and an interesting example of their earnestness is preserved. On 4th Feb. 1792, the Society decided unanimously against the Slave Trade; and on 12th May it resolved, by a great majority, 'that the use of the produce of Slavery involves us in its guilt.' Thereupon, 'it was moved that the Society should form the resolution of renouncing the use of sugar and rum. But the night being far spent, the further consideration of the motion was delayed till next meeting,' when it was resolved, 'that in consequence of the Society determining that the use of the produce of the present West Indian Slave Trade involves us in its guilt, the Society agree to renounce to the utmost of their power the use of this produce, and to exert their influence with others to persuade them to do the same, ay and untill the African Slave Trade shall be fully abolished.' And from this determination Mr. James Baxter was the only dissentient.

There is no provision in the laws with regard to the fixing of subjects of debate. But it would seem that the practice was for members to hand in lists of suitable questions, from which a selection was made either by the Society itself, or by a special committee, which reported to the Society; and the questions on this official list appear then to have been taken up in their order. The early practice of the Society, as is evident from Law 8, was to meet all the year round; but practically, ever since 1800, the session of the Society appears to have been regarded as synchronising with that of the University—a summer session sometimes being held when a considerable number of members chanced to remain in town. During this, the first session of which the records survive (1791-1792), the average attendance of members was only eight; ten being the average for the winter, and six for the summer half of the session.

The expenses of the Society, such as they were, must at first

have been met by a voluntary subscription among the members, and the small fines imposed for absence ; for it was not until 1793 that an entrance fee of three shillings was imposed on new members, while a regular assessment was first introduced in 1794. But though the membership and the finances were thus both far from large, and though, as has been pointed out, the Society was anxious to make itself as widely known and as useful as possible, there was no undue anxiety to increase the number of members on the roll. For on 2d March 1793, it was resolved, 'that no petition for admission into the Society shall be granted unless the moral and literary character of the petitioner is attested by two members of the Society, or when the petitioner is not acquainted with two members of the Society, the said attestation shall be signed by a clergyman, or any other respectable character that may give full satisfaction to the Society.' Admission, too, was not granted as a matter of course ; for, as early as 1794, the Society is found, after consideration, refusing a petition.

Wherever the Society's early meeting-place may have been, there was a strong feeling on the part of many members that it was within the University that it should properly have its home. Accordingly, on 3d August 1793, a committee was appointed 'to visit the rooms in the New College, and agree for that which should appear most convenient, and report at next meeting,' which was fixed for the 12th October. In those days the Town Council were the Patrons, as they were called, of the University, and the buildings were their property and under their control. The Janitor, who was their servant, seems, however, with or without the sanction of his employers, to have been in the habit of letting such rooms as were not required by the Professors, to the students' societies. And so, on 12th October 1793, the committee reported that 'they had gone to the New College, and there made choice of a large elegant room, and

that they had agreed or contracted with the Janitor to give him, if the Society pleased, for the use of the room, and for coal and candle, the sum of £1, 11s. 6d. sterling per annum, and if the Society had more than one pound of candles at a meeting, he was to be paid for this extra.' This report was approved of at next meeting of 19th October, and 'the Society immediately adjourned to the College, when the President (Mr. J. M. Cockburn) delivered an address from Psalms 133, first verse—"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."'

The advantages of thus meeting within the University have always been considered by the Society as very great. For their sake, it has again and again put up with much that was unpleasant, and even, on occasion, injurious to its welfare. And when expelled, or threatened with expulsion, it has strained every nerve to recover or retain possession of what it has so long regarded as its proper home. For good, or for evil, the whole life of the Society has been powerfully affected by its agreeing 'that the Society's place of meeting would be more advantageous, for different reasons, if changed to the Colledge.'

In 1795 an innovation, with regard to the Essays, was introduced. The first meeting of every month was devoted to the reading of short essays, on a subject appointed by the Society, though apparently the reading of such essays was entirely voluntary; and after the reading of the essays the debate of the evening was taken up. The plan, however, was not very successful, though it was frequently put in force in subsequent sessions. During the same session it was resolved that the Society should adopt a seal—that 'the design on the seal should be a bust of Cicero; round the head there should be the designation of the Society in Latin, *Societas Dialectica*; round the bottom there should be the following motto,

Gloria Hominis Ratio et Oratio,' a device and a motto that, for such a Society, could not well have been surpassed. About the same time an attempt was made to found a Society Library, but this project was reluctantly abandoned through want of funds. Some changes were also made in the procedure of the Society, notably the appointment of a committee to sit at the close of each meeting, for hearing apologies and imposing fines. An appeal lay to the Society, but if this was found groundless the fine was to be doubled. The Society also reverted to its original procedure, by resolving that, as far as possible, members should preside in rotation. Up to this time the laws had never been printed; but in 1796 a feeling arose that this should be done, and a committee was appointed to revise the laws with that view. Nothing, however, came out of the labours of this committee; and it was not till 1807 that the laws, for the first time, were finally adjusted and put in print. In the interval many changes had been made. In 1797 the entry-money was raised to half a guinea. The Society was at this time strong and prosperous, and in December of that year it was resolved that no more members should be admitted till the following May; a resolution which was relaxed only once, in very special circumstances. The entry-money, however, appears to have been raised too high, and to have had the effect of seriously diminishing the number of applicants for admission, and in 1799 it was reduced to 5s. It was also resolved, in May 1798, that four members should be chosen Presidents for six months, to take the chair in rotation, and 'enforce order with the utmost strictness and severity.' At one election, when two members had received the same number of votes for the fourth place, it is interesting to notice that the Society decided between them by lot. In 1801 the Society returned to the old custom of members presiding in rotation; but in 1805 this practice was finally abandoned, and

five Presidents were chosen to preside alternately and hold office for a year. So far as can be gathered from the earliest minutes, the Secretary, when once appointed, held office until he chose to resign; but in July 1797 it was resolved that the appointment should be an annual one—a resolution that the Society has never seen cause to change. It does not seem to have been customary for the Secretary at first to sign or initial the minutes; but the practice was introduced in 1798, and has continued to the present day, having indeed for a long time been specially required by the laws.

From an early date it seems to have been customary to grant dispensations to members whose other engagements rendered their regular attendance impossible. These dispensations, however, appear to have been sometimes abused, and the Society found it necessary to take steps for checking this practice in 1797, by the imposition of fines, and, in 1799, by requiring each member holding a dispensation to read an essay and open a debate every session.

In the early laws already quoted, one very serious want may be remarked. They contain no provision for enabling the Society to maintain its connection with those members whose College days are past, and whose circumstances render them no longer able to devote to its business the time and attention which its interests demand. Fortunately, the Society very early noticed this defect, and adopted a plan which has proved of inestimable advantage in many ways, and which is to-day, in its main features, the same as when it was first proposed.

In July 1792 it was resolved to institute Honorary Membership, and a committee was intrusted with the duty of devising the necessary regulations. The committee seems to have given the matter very careful attention, and it was not till the end of October that the

Society was in a position to enact the following laws, and order them to be inserted at the beginning of their minute-book 'as an Appendix to the General Rules.'

RULES RESPECTING THE ADMISSION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. None shall be admitted Honorary Members who have not been at least twelve months members of the Society.
2. None shall be admitted as Honorary Members till the third meeting after they have been proposed.
3. When an Honorary Member is chosen, his privilege shall be intimated to him in terms of the following

DIPLOMA.

Societas Dialectica A.D. 1787 Edinburgi instituta. Illis aequum videtur virum A. B., facundum ingenuum doctumque, propter ejus munera insignia illi Societati tributa, ut grati animi et summae observantiae documentum, socium honorarium adscribere; Itaque Societatis Dialecticae Socius Honorarius adscriptus est. Datum Edinburgi, hoc die — A.D. — in nomine jusque Societatis Dialecticae signatum.

N.B.—A gratefull return shall be made to the Society upon the reception of a Diploma.

The position of Honorary Members was, however, for long unsatisfactory. They were entitled to attend the meetings of the Society, but not to hold office, and there are frequent references to an office-bearer ceasing to be such when he obtained honorary privileges. In 1799, a motion was made that it should not be competent for any honorary member to attend any other Society as an ordinary member during the meeting of the Dialectic. This motion, however, was rejected, as was also another, about the same time, to the effect

that honorary members should be excluded from taking part in private business except when personally concerned. A copper-plate was procured in 1795 for the diploma given to honorary members on their election; and in 1799 the practice of having the diploma signed by the President, as well as sealed with the Society's seal, would appear to have been introduced. Private business at this time was in some danger of usurping an undue share of the Society's attention; and so it was resolved 'that when discussion of the minutes is likely to exceed 15 minutes, it shall be postponed till after the debate.' Various expedients were tried during this period, with a view to the better conduct of essays and debates. The subject of each essay, for example, had to be intimated at the meeting previous to the one at which it was to be read, so that members might, during the interval, have an opportunity of thinking over the matters to be dealt with; and one evening in each month was set apart for the reading of short essays of five or ten minutes' duration, on scientific questions which were not suitable for debate—a modification, it will be seen, of a plan already tried by the Society. It may also be mentioned that essays were frequently read in two or more parts, a notable example being an essay on 'Disputation,' by Mr. William Gardner, which was given in no fewer than six instalments, each being read on a different night.

The debates, as apart from the essays, do not appear to have called for much regulation; but one or two innovations may be noted. In February 1797 it was resolved that the openers should be appointed in rotation, the choice of the question being left to the one opener, and the choice of his side to the other, it being also provided that members should give their opinions without being called on in the order of the roll. In April it was resolved that no debate be adjourned—a not uncommon practice—without the consent of two-

thirds of the members; a change which does not appear to have proved satisfactory, as before long it was resolved 'that no question shall be voted till all the members have spoken, if any one insists on his right.'

As early as 1796 the Society found itself subjected to the interference of those in authority, and was compelled to change its hour of meeting to twelve at noon, on account of the intimation from the Janitor that no evening meetings were to be allowed in the College. However, this restriction was speedily withdrawn, and the Society reverted to its old and convenient hour.

In 1805 the Society appears to have been in a most prosperous condition. Its membership was large, and actively interested in the Society's work. The laws were revised, and such alterations made in them as were suggested by the experience of the past. Most of the alterations are unimportant, but one or two call for notice. Purely theological subjects, for example, are no longer to be discussed, and no person is to be admitted a member who has not attended at least one session at a University. And, as has already been noted, the practice of members presiding in rotation was now finally given up—five Presidents being chosen to hold office for the year. The discipline exercised by the Society at this time was somewhat strict, and instances are not wanting of essays being rejected either on account of too great likeness to some previous production or for want of literary merit. On one occasion, indeed, two of the Presidents who had just been elected were accused of having solicited votes. The Society constituted itself into a court, and after a formal trial—the depositions in which are still preserved—the charge was found proven, and the culprits were deposed.

But while thus putting down with a strong hand whatever it considered derogatory to its dignity, the Society was, as it has ever been,

very ready to recognise the loyal and devoted services of its members. Accordingly, on 4th April 1807, a silver medal was voted to Mr. Adam Robertson, who was admitted in 1799, 'for his very regular attendance and attention to the Society since his being created an Honorary Member.' So much did this proposal commend itself to the Society that, in the laws of 1826, a special provision was introduced, and still remains in force, with reference to the grant of a medal, although the honour has, with wisdom, been very rarely bestowed.

In 1807 the order of business laid down in the laws of 1792 was somewhat altered, and settled in the following shape: 'The President for the night takes the chair and opens the Society by prayer—The first roll called—The minutes of last meeting read and considered—The essay read, the President leaves the chair for five minutes—Takes the chair—The second roll called—Motions and appeals made and discussed—Fines collected—Essayist and speakers for next meeting appointed—Subject of debate discussed—Roll called a third time if not half an hour past ten.—The Society closed by a prayer from the President.' And this order was long adhered to, save that in 1808 it was found desirable that the essay and the debate should both come before any private business, and that the first private business taken up should be the collection of fines.

More perhaps than any other institution, a debating society depends for its prosperity on the character and capacity of its officials, and its Secretary in particular. And, like other societies, the Dialectic has been both fortunate and unfortunate in this respect. During the twelve years 1811-1823, it had three most excellent secretaries, each of whom held office for more than three years, and, as might have been anticipated, its prosperity was great. The membership was large, and drawn from the best sources, as a glance at the list of

those who were members during those years will show. The Society, too, was keenly interested in its work, and unconsciously bracing itself for a struggle that was near at hand. So active indeed was the life of the Society at this time, that various proposals to limit the length of speeches were made. They were, however, all unsuccessful, and a compromise appears to have been found in a resolution of 22d December 1821, by which the reading of speeches was absolutely forbidden. About the same time the practice of the President calling on members in the order of the roll to rise and deliver their opinions on the essay or debate, which had been re-introduced in 1812, was finally abolished, and members were permitted to rise in the order they pleased. Interest in its past, too, was awakened, and in 1822 a list of all who had been members, with such information as could be collected concerning them, was prepared and printed for the Society. An experiment, which did not meet with the success that was expected, was tried in 1821, by the institution of what was termed Extraordinary Membership. The idea was to have a degree easier of attainment than Honorary Membership, but it never really commended itself to the Society, and in 1826 it was finally abolished.

A keen fight took place, on 27th January 1821, with regard to an essay which Mr. Cumming proposed to read. In the words of the minutes, that gentleman, 'having stated that the subject of his essay was "On Proceedings in Parliament by Bills of Pains and Penalties," its reception was objected to on account of its involving the politics of the day. After a long discussion, the essayist proposed the following amended title: "On Proceedings in Parliament by Bills of Pains and Penalties up to the close of the 18th century," and, the vote being taken, the Society agreed to receive his essay under that restriction.' Against this decision several members protested for reasons which are of sufficient interest to justify their presence here:—

' 1. That the Law, Chap. iv. Sec. 4th, says in express terms that no essays shall be admitted regarding the politics of the day.

' 2. That one of the great questions at present dividing the political parties in the State is whether Proceedings by Bills of Pains and Penalties be constitutional or not; and no member can state his opinion on the subject without exposing himself to be marked out as an adherent of a particular party.

' 3. That though the title of the essay limit the discussion to the influence of Bills of Pains and Penalties on the constitution previous to the 19th century, yet it is impossible to treat the subject without occasioning some allusion to the proceedings which are at this moment agitating the country, and by which the essay has been so palpably and avowedly suggested.

' 4. That though, from the opposition which the title of the essay has encountered, these consequences may not ensue, yet, serving as a precedent, it will lead to such evasions of the restrictive regulation as may totally change the character of the Society, and turn its attention from manly and dignified discussions of lasting moment to subjects which possess merely an ephemeral importance.

' 5. That therefore the essay, as touching on one of the fundamental laws of the Society, and as threatening to destroy the harmony of its meetings, ought to be strenuously opposed.'

As far back as 1809 it is almost possible to anticipate the Associated Societies of the present day. The desirability of having open meetings with other University Societies was recognised, and a joint committee of representatives from the Dialectic, the Philaethic, and the Philomathic (whose name has been adopted by a Society founded in 1859), was appointed to carry out the plan. Various references to these open meetings occur in the minutes—one, for instance, being a resolution not to meet on 27th May 1809, as that day was fixed 'for a meeting of the General Society.' But the project did not meet with the success that might have been desired, and the societies fell back into their original state of friendly isolation.

Something more than the advantages to be derived from occasional open meetings was required to imbue the different societies with the belief that their interests were in many ways identical, and to make them feel the need of some permanent organisation, whereby each should be helped and strengthened by the support of the rest; and years had to pass before the pressure of a common danger resulted in the formation of the Associated Societies.

As has been already mentioned, the Town Council of Edinburgh were in those days the Patrons of the University. They appointed the Professors, the buildings were their property, and, speaking generally, the finances of the University were administered by them. The Senatus, indeed, was responsible for the teaching and discipline; but other matters were in the hands of a committee of the Town Council, presided over by a personage known as the College Bailie. In many ways this arrangement was good, and to the practical sagacity of the Town Council no little part of the success of the University is due; but, as students increased in number and the University in importance, the disadvantages attending on this dual control became more and more emphasised. The Senatus strove after the exercise of powers to which it had no manner of right, and the Town Council seems to have had a grim pleasure in unnecessarily interfering with the Senatus. Litigation finally ensued, and after a prolonged fight the Town Council was victorious; but only to have its management of the University brought to a close by the legislation of 1858 and the following years.

In 1817 a part of the new University buildings appears to have been nearly completed, and various internal re-arrangements had in consequence to be made. The Janitor—a certain John Wilson—who was the servant of the Town Council, and evidently permitted by his employers to let the class-rooms out to the different societies for

what they would fetch, for some reason endeavoured to get the Dialectic to give up its meeting-place to another society. This the Dialectic flatly declined to do, and brought the matter under the notice of the Town Council. The petition—which it is interesting to notice was signed by, among other office-bearers, James Grant, now the Rev. Dr. Grant, the father of the Society—was successful; and the Society was reinstated in its old room, with a promise that better accommodation would be provided for it next session in the new buildings. This promise was kept, and so well satisfied was the Society with its new hall, that it allowed the Janitor gradually to raise the rent from two guineas and a half in 1817 to five guineas in 1818 and six guineas in 1819. But even with such charges as these, the rapacious Wilson does not seem to have been content; for in 1821 he requested the Society to refund him the expense of certain repairs he had made on the hall. A committee was appointed to consider the matter, and reported that Wilson alleged that he had expended some thirty pounds; but that even if this were so—which they seem to have doubted—the expenditure had been incurred under an agreement with the Juridical Society, which had in consideration thereof taken the room for its meetings at a rent of ten pounds, and the Society very naturally declined to reimburse Wilson, who thereupon raised the rent to seven guineas. This was, of course, a heavy drain upon the Society's resources, although its membership was large and the entry-money as high as fifteen shillings; and in 1824 it was found impossible, through want of funds, to procure a new seal and diploma plate, though a new diploma had been approved of in lieu of the old one, which was stigmatised as unworthy of the Society, and the old seal condemned as defective in design and execution. In the end of 1824 an unsuccessful attempt was made to induce the Janitor to reduce his charge. The other societies were, however, suffering under the same

grievance, and a feeling gradually sprang up that something must be done to secure accommodation on more reasonable terms. A circular, issued apparently to all the societies, dealing with this matter, and contrasting the treatment received by the societies of Edinburgh and St. Andrews respectively, and suggesting joint action, was read to the Dialectic, and remitted to a committee, of which Mr. (afterwards Lord) Deas was the moving spirit. On his motion the Society resolved at next meeting to appoint a committee to ascertain the membership of the different societies, the rents paid by each, and how these rents were applied, and thereafter to draw up an address, to be signed by members of all the societies approving of it, for presentation to the Royal Commission on the Scottish Universities then sitting, 'praying them to take into their consideration the propriety of these societies being accommodated in the College *gratis*, and of their being more distinctly recognised and encouraged as institutions under the protection of the University.' But through the apathy or jealousy of some of the other societies this wise proposal came to nothing.

An attempt about the same time to form a 'General Association of the Literary Societies,' for purposes of joint debate, also proved abortive—most probably for the same reason.

The minutes for this period show the Society to have been very vigorous. Two of its most active members, Mr. Deas and Mr. Menzies, afterwards the well-known Professor of Conveyancing, were among the three essayists whose essays on the national character of the Athenians received honourable mention from the Royal Commissioners—the essay of the former being read to the Society at its special request; while among the other members were many whose names were afterwards widely and honourably known. Public and private business alike were entered into heartily and with zest.

The discipline exercised was strict, fines and other penalties being frequently imposed and not readily remitted. The laws were carefully revised and reprinted, and attention continued to be paid to the list of old members, though it would seem from the minutes that the desired information was difficult to get. In 1830, however, the attendance was not so good; but, though the Society was smaller in numbers, its efficiency was in no way impaired, and session 1830-31, as successful as most of its predecessors, seems to have closed like them, without any warning of the changes that were at hand.

At this time the relations between the Town Council and the Senatus were at their very worst. Victorious in their recent lawsuit, the Patrons proceeded to show that they really meant to use that power over the University for which they had had to fight so hard. And so they began to interfere in all directions, sometimes no doubt with benefit, but not unfrequently, it would seem, for the mere sake of interfering, without need or advantage to any concerned. From this meddling spirit the Dialectic and its sister societies soon began to suffer. A certain Mr. Aitcheson was at this time College Bailie, and, for reasons which unfortunately have not been preserved, he and his committee considered it their duty to prevent the Dialectic and other University societies from meeting within the College walls. The exclusion was unexpected; and, at the commencement of session 1831-32, the exiles had to find such outside accommodation as they could. The Dialectic took up its quarters in a room in Drummond Street, thus described in a private letter of the time—'The house has no street number, but the entrance is by the stairs on the west end of Mr. Carfrae's sale-room, and one door up.' As the sentence of banishment had been communicated through the Senatus, it was to that body that the Dialectic, in the first instance, appealed. The petition, which has

happily been preserved, is a dignified and convincing statement of the Society's case; but the answer of the Senatus was that they 'did not possess the power of granting the use of a room within the walls of the College, for any purpose whatever.' Baffled in this attempt, but not discouraged, the Dialectic resolved to turn next to the Patrons, in whom the power, of necessity, reposed. The sympathetic aid of old members was enlisted, and an extraordinary meeting of the Society convened. Mr. (afterwards Lord) Cowan, who had received honorary privileges some years before, took a leading part in the fight, and succeeded in interesting Henry Cockburn, then Solicitor-General, in the societies' case. At the extraordinary meeting, which was held on 21st January 1832, Mr. Cowan read the following characteristic letter from the Solicitor-General:—

14 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
21st Jan. 1832.

MY DEAR SIR,—I had a meeting to-day in the Council Chamber with Mr. Aitcheson, the College Bailie, who afterwards went with me to the College, where we had a full conference with Dr. Brunton.

There is no disinclination, so far as I can discover, anywhere to the Societies meeting in the College. But of late years their doing so has been accompanied by some inconveniences which must be guarded against.

These are chiefly:—

1. That due care has not been taken about putting out the lights and fires and cleaning the rooms.
2. That the nightly convocation of male philosophers leads to the attendance within the quadrangle of scientific females.
3. That, under pretence of belonging to these Societies, many disreputable prowlers make their nocturnal haunts within the academic premises.

In order to put all this on a right footing, I have got the following arrangement settled:—

1. That each Society wishing for accommodation shall apply for it by

letter to Mr. Aitcheson, who lives at No. 13 Brunswick Street. The Dialectic is held to have applied already.

2. That the Societies shall pay for a porter or police-officer to guard the gate, and protect the premises on the nights on which they meet. This can be done for 2s. or 2s. 6d. a night, and an arrangement ought to be made with the Janitor about a proper person; when more Societies than one meet on the same night, they ought to concur in these measures.

3. That no person shall be allowed to enter within the gate without exhibiting a ticket, signed by the Preses, showing that he is a member. These tickets ought to be given to each member at the beginning of each session—and the ticket is to admit not only the bearer but anybody (not of the tender sex) who may be with him.

4. That as it may now be impossible to get a room, or rooms, for the exclusive use of Societies this winter, they must use class-rooms, arranging with the Janitor what particular class-rooms they will prefer.

5. That they must make their own bargain with the Janitor, or with any one else, about cleaning and lighting.

These regulations seem to me to be simple and reasonable. Indeed I myself suggested them, as what ought to be satisfactory to anybody. The class-rooms are bad debating rooms, but I think it scarcely possible to get other rooms ready for the season. If it can be done, however, it will be.

You are at liberty to make this adjustment known to all Societies; only not by advertisement. You will understand it has *no formal sanction*, either from the Senatus or from the Town Council, but is merely an arrangement which practically is to be adopted. Except in the case of the Speculative, which happened to have property within the College, I am not aware that the Patrons or the Senatus have ever formally recognised any Societies; but if they have flourished under a salutary tolerance for the last century, they may do so during the next. So, without inquiring into the principles of the thing, be reasonable, and practically happy.

If I can be of any further use I am always at their service. I hold them to be *the Soul* of the College, of education, and of youth, and am ready for all their just battles.—Yours faithfully,

H. COCKBURN.

To JOHN COWAN, Esq.

The following resolutions were then proposed by Mr. Deas,

seconded by Mr. (afterwards Sir) James John Reid, and unanimously agreed to :—

‘ 1. That the Dialectic Society has subsisted in connection with, and met within the walls of, the College for between forty and fifty years past, during which time no fault has been found from any quarter with the regularity and propriety of its proceedings.

‘ 2. That it is the opinion of the present meeting that such a Society is eminently calculated to promote the intellectual improvement of the members, while at the same time it remedies to a certain extent one of the great evils felt in the Edinburgh University, viz. the want of personal communication among the students, and an opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other’s talents and acquirements.

‘ 3. That such of those now present, as are no longer ordinary attending members of the Society, regard their connection with it as the source of many advantages and of friendships, which have proved both agreeable and useful to them in their subsequent progress in life.

‘ 4. That to the connection of the Society with the University (from which the Society has this session for the first time been excluded) great part of the utility of the Society has been owing ; and a continuance of the present exclusion, it is confidently believed, would tend to the deterioration of the Society and to the injury of the University.

‘ 5. That on these grounds this meeting had intended to apply, by the petition to the Town Council as Patrons of the University, to be reinstated in the College ; but in consequence of the communication from Henry Cockburn, Esq., His Majesty’s Solicitor-General, above inserted, the Society would not present any petition in the meantime, but would merely place these resolutions on the record of the Society.

‘ 6. That a committee, consisting of Messrs. Cowan, G. Deas, Conacher, Duncan, and J. Somerville, be appointed to carry into full effect the arrangements which the Society are assured will immediately be made for its re-admission within the walls of the University.’

But the hopes which the Solicitor-General’s letter had raised were doomed to speedy disappointment. Want of funds to put it in proper

order, and other excuses, were urged whenever the Society attempted to fix on a room to be made ready against next session ; and so much difficulty was experienced in getting even the temporary use of classrooms, that after three meetings in the University a return to Drummond Street was the only course left. During the vacation, attempts were vainly made to get effect given to the arrangement sketched by the Solicitor-General, and the Society was compelled to meet in the Calton Convening Rooms. All appeals to the Senatus were met by expressions of kindly interest in the Society, and regret that nothing was in their power. So the good offices of the Solicitor-General were once more sought, and readily given. His first idea was that the societies should send a joint memorial to the University Commissioners, which he undertook himself to prepare and forward. This memorial, the original draft of which has been preserved, was withdrawn after being presented—on Lord Rosebery, the Chairman, stating that the Commissioners had no power to act in the matter. It was then laid before the Commissioners for College Buildings, who in their turn referred the matter to the Magistrates as Patrons. ‘Finally,’ to quote the minute of 26th January 1833, Mr. Cockburn wrote, ‘that he had had recourse to a communication with London, which, as his last note is expressed, “I now confidently hope will end in one good room in a good place being given up to societies within the College. But as it requires to be new modelled, I fear that it cannot be ready for this session.”’ This communication with London was a letter to the Right Hon. T. F. Kennedy, one of the Lords of the Treasury, dated 2d January 1833, to be found in *Letters on the Affairs of Scotland*, p. 439, and the following extract will be of interest :—

‘ *Do observe and* REMEMBER what I am now going to say :—

‘ The Town Council or the College Building Commissioners have applied,

or are going to apply, to Government for their last instalment (about £10,000), for finishing the College. They must get it one day or other. But *observe* that some damnable underhand influence has, *in spite of a resolution of the Senatus*, expelled from the College all the Debating Societies except the Speculative and perhaps one or two more. Literary Societies of students which have met academically for thirty and even fifty years are now in taverns. The lads have put their case into my hands. I have done everything, and convinced everybody, except some reptile of the Town Council through whom the atrocity still endures.

‘Now I have told the Provost plainly that you, Jeffrey, Murray, Palmerston, Lansdowne, and Brougham were all educated in Societies, and that not one rap shall he get till *permanent* accommodation be made for these Institutions, and I have proclaimed this everywhere where it could touch.

‘Now I rely on your not letting the dogs get their grant *till they satisfy us here* on this point. And even if you don’t mean to give them anything, don’t say so at first, but ask them if the Societies be back and *secure in keeping there*.

‘I am more anxious about this than ever I was about the Reform Bill—what else should a Rector be?’

This extremely vigorous ‘communication’ was followed up in a few days by a postscript to another letter to Mr. Kennedy (*ib.* p. 444).

‘The Provost says that the Chancellor last summer promised him the College grant. But he had no answer to my question whether he had defined what it was for? Build the College certainly, but a Hall for Societies is part of it.’

Mr. Cockburn had taken the measure of his men, and the threat of stopping supplies soon brought the Town Council to their knees. On 22d February he was accordingly able to write to Mr. Kennedy (*ib.* p. 453):—

‘I have had a hard fight for it, but your intimation that the College grant would be withheld has enabled me to be victorious, and I believe that the Societies will soon be restored. The Provost (the best I have almost ever known) has written to London, begging that the interdict may

now be removed. I have told him that I should state to you my belief that it soon may, but that as the Societies are not yet actually restored, it must be kept on till they be. However, as I confidently expect their actual restoration soon, you are safe in making any arrangements you may have to make, on the assumption that this obstacle is removed. Being removed, I sincerely trust you will give the grant, *but on the condition that the Societies' accommodation is to be permanent.*'

All the obstacles, previously insuperable, to the re-admission of the societies now vanished from sight. 'The largest apartment of the house formerly occupied by the late Janitor, Mr. Robison, and to which a separate entrance may be procured,' was provided for their use, subject only to the adoption of certain regulations which the Patrons thought proper to impose; and, on 6th April 1833, the Dialectic met once more within the College walls.

Throughout the whole struggle the Dialectic had, as was natural, from its prominent position among the societies, acted practically as the champion of the rest; and now, when the victory was won, it enjoyed the well-earned honour of showing to the Solicitor-General that the societies were not ungrateful for his powerful and generous aid. Even before leaving its temporary home, the Society, on the motion of Mr. Campbell, afterwards Principal of the University of Aberdeen, appointed a deputation to wait upon him, formally to tender the Society's grateful thanks, and beg his acceptance of a diploma, conferring the highest honours and privileges in its gift. The diploma was as follows:—

Nos Praesides Secretariusque Societatis Dialecticae hisce praesentibus literis HENRICUM COCKBURN, Regium Solicitorem pro Scotia, Jurisconsultum summum, singulari orationis suavitate praeditum, studiosae juventuti amicissimum; Propter laudes eximias quas in omnibus bonis literis semper meruit, nec non et quia nos exules sede in Academia Edinensi solita

restituendos curavit, Per ingentem consensum auctoritatemque sociorum, SOCIUM HONORARIUM Societatis Dialecticae adscriptum et omnibus privilegiis immunitatibusque muneris istius donatum esse PROMULGAMUS.



HAMILTON BUCHANAN, }
 JACOBUS M. DEAS, } *Praesides.*
 LAUR. MUDIE MACARA, }
 GULIEL^{us} SMILLIE, *Ex Secretis.*

Datum in Aula Nostra Edinburgi,
 III. Non: April: Anno Domini, MDCCCXXXIII.
et Societatis Constitutae, XLVII.

The diploma was duly presented, and seldom has any such honour been more worthily bestowed.

The regulations devised by the Patrons were not unreasonable, and were accepted by the societies. The hall, however, had to be fitted up at their joint expense; and accordingly a minute of agreement between the different societies was entered into, safeguarding their different interests and defining their respective rights. In the preamble to the minute the societies are named in the order in which they are referred to in the Report by the College Committee of the Town Council containing the grant of the hall as follows, viz. the Scots Law, the Plinian, the Hunterian Medical, the Dialectic, and the Diagnostic. It is interesting to observe that the Dialectic, through its representative, Mr. Smillie, formally protested for precedence on the ground of its antiquity as well as of its special exertions in the common cause. This definition of their respective interests was, however, not enough; for the societies had learned the much-needed lesson that union is strength. So a movement which resulted in the formation of the Associated Societies rapidly took shape, and, to quote the preamble to the laws of the Association—the Scots Law, Plinian, Hunterian Medical,

Dialectic, and Diagnostic Societies—‘Considering that in consequence of apartments in the University having been recently allotted to them by the Patrons, and of the same having been fitted up with furniture, etc., at their joint expense, they now possess a common interest which makes it necessary that they unite in one body and frame laws for the promotion of their general objects, the administration of their joint property, and the levying and application of their respective contributions, DO hereby, in so far as their common interest is concerned, ASSOCIATE themselves into one collective body, to be governed by the following laws.’ These laws, which were ratified by the various societies in May 1834, contain, *inter alia*, provisions for general debates, and for the management of the affairs of the Association by a Council of Delegates from the different societies, and are the groundwork of the present laws of the Association. Meanwhile the Society continued to prosper. It was fortunate in having as Secretary during the session of 1832-33 Mr. William Smillie, afterwards Her Majesty’s Advocate-General for South Australia, whose management of its affairs at that difficult time is worthy of all praise, and who seems also to have taken a prominent part in the formation of the Associated Societies. On his resigning the Secretaryship, Mr. Smillie was presented by the Society with a book ‘as an extraordinary mark of its gratitude for his able exertions on its behalf.’ The valuable services of another member, the Rev. Hamilton Buchanan, afterwards minister of Strathblane, who, though he had received honorary privileges a year or two before, took a very active part in the struggle, were appropriately rewarded by the silver medal of the Society. The public business was successfully, though uneventfully, conducted on the usual lines, one of the few incidents deserving of notice being the reading during the summer session of 1833 of ‘an original poetical essay descriptive of a stag

hunt' by Mr. John Fairbairn, for which the author received a special vote of thanks, 'as well for the talented contribution of the evening as for those previously made, in which he had set the laudable example of presenting to the Society subjects connected with polite literature and the fine arts.' Mr. Fairbairn, it may be mentioned, presented the Society in 1835 with a volume of poems entitled 'Winter Leaves' by himself and a friend. The laws were again revised, and a committee appointed to bring the list of members down to date. Private business seems to have attracted a good deal of attention. A motion was unsuccessfully made to abolish the opening and closing of meetings with prayer, while an attempt to secure the preservation by the Society of copies of all the essays was abandoned. A protest was on one occasion dismissed as incompetent on the ground that 'instruments had not been taken in the hands of the Secretary,' a point that had been raised so far back as 1825, in connection with a protest by Mr. Deas and others, and decided in the same way. For the benefit, it would appear, of medical students from England or abroad, one year's attendance at a general hospital was held as equivalent to attendance at a University as qualifying for admission, a condition to which the Society still tenaciously clung.

In 1835 the Society was not so flourishing as might have been expected from the size and quality of its membership. The attendance was irregular, a quorum occasionally not being present. Debt also had somehow been contracted, and a committee had to be appointed to devise means for its liquidation. Next year the membership was smaller, only three new members being admitted during the session, and the same unsatisfactory state of things prevailed. As a remedy it was at first proposed to relax the condition, already mentioned, of a year's attendance at a University; but this

proposal was abandoned, and a committee was appointed to take the present state of the Society into consideration and report thereon. This committee gave in an elaborate report engrossed in the minute of 30th January 1836, in which it was submitted that 'the great cause of the depressed condition of the Society is the want of zeal and activity among the members.' Pointing out that to remedy this is not in the power of any committee, but only of members themselves, the report goes on to make various practical suggestions of a subsidiary kind, which it asked the Society to adopt. These suggestions were five in number—To suspend for the time the stringent law regarding one year's previous attendance at a University and to consider matriculation as sufficient—to change the hour of meeting from seven to half-past seven, and to secure that private business shall not encroach too much on the proper work of the Society—the punctual payment of all fines and dues—to bestow honorary membership only where the statutory duties have been fully and faithfully discharged, and never unless there be at least 20 attending ordinary members on the roll—the holding of open meetings with the other associated societies. The concluding sentences of the report may well be given at length, as an eloquent expression of the feelings with which all true Dialecticians must regard the Society to which they owe so much, and a solemn admonition to all in whose keeping its interests for the time may hereafter be:—

'In conclusion the committee take the liberty of urging upon the members the necessity for a more zealous and lively interest in the welfare of the Society. It is not to be expected that the present state of things can remain long. The Society cannot remain stationary, for the moment it ceases to prosper it must cease to be respectable, and its present existence has become as unprofitable as, if it continue, it will shortly be ignominious. Nor is this owing to

any deficiency of outward advantages, for it enjoys all the benefits of comfort and accommodation to an extent of which few such institutions can boast ; and let it be remembered that, as they were not acquired without labour, they should not be surrendered with indifference. The Dialectic Society is, besides, a venerable and respected institution, enjoying the peculiar advantage that it is connected with and receives the countenance of an establishment which at once protects its interests and ensures its respectability. It numbers amongst its honorary members men who have been and are now distinguished for their talents and respectability. It is as capable at the present moment of eliciting genius and fostering acquirement as at any former period of its history ; and it will evince a disrespect of the trust which has been reposed in them by their predecessors, and an indifference to the benefits which *they* reaped, should the present members allow the institution to perish in their hands without one vigorous and decided effort to save it.—John Macara, *Preses*: John T. Telfer, *Secy.*' The report and the suggestions it contained were unanimously adopted, and matters at once began to improve. The enthusiasm of the committee seems to have spread to the other members, and on 2d April 1836 a committee was appointed 'for the purpose of considering measures for holding a Jubilee in celebration of the Society's entering upon the fiftieth year of its existence.' The proposal was taken up with spirit. The arrangements were intrusted to a joint committee of honorary and ordinary members, and a dinner of past and present members was held in May 1837, with Professor Gillespie of St. Andrews in the chair.

In 1837 a proposal to meet on Friday instead of Saturday night was rejected. To increase the membership, the entry-money was reduced from fifteen shillings to half a guinea, with the result that

the Society was for some time rather in want of funds. An extra assessment had accordingly to be imposed, while the diploma fee was raised from five shillings to seven and sixpence. One curious entry of this time may be noticed. To show its respect for Mr. Gunn, who had for long been 'one of the warmest friends and most zealous supporters of the Society,' and who was leaving town, the Society resolved to give him what is termed 'a public entertainment.'

Private business seems occasionally to have been of a very lively nature, and the ingenuity displayed by several members, especially in connection with the matter of fines, was very great. But it was not allowed to encroach over much on the more serious work of the Society, which was as vigorous as ever, in spite of the membership being considerably less than in former years, and in spite of the state of things suggested by an entry that tells how the departure of two members left the Society without a quorum, whereupon 'the President then declared these gentlemen fined, and the Society was adjourned, but not by prayer.'

In the beginning of session 1838-39 some difficulty was experienced in getting a member to act as Secretary, and Mr. (afterwards the Rev. Dr.) Macfarlane, the retiring Secretary, was continued in office till the appointment of a successor. That successor was Mr. Jacob Low, who held office for only a few weeks, when he in turn was succeeded by Mr. Andrew Hunter. Having neglected to extend the minutes at the proper time, Mr. Low succeeded in carrying off the minute-book to Blairgowrie, that he might repair his omission during summer. But as next session drew near, he did not return the minute-book, and ignored the Secretary's communications. So Mr. Macfarlane was sent down to Blairgowrie to secure and bring back the missing volume. Having succeeded in his quest, Mr.

Macfarlane next demanded that Mr. Low should reimburse the Society for the expense to which it had been put through his misconduct, and a formal minute of reference was entered into under which the Society received a couple of pounds. The most important result of Mr. Low's escapade was a wise and timely resolution, adopted at the instance of Mr. Macfarlane and Mr. Millar, now Lord Craighill, and then one of the most active members of the Society, to the effect that the records of the Society should never leave the Secretary's possession without a formal receipt from the member borrowing. So keen do the discussions at this time appear to have been, that it was found necessary to pass a law providing that no speech should exceed half an hour. All along, too, the Society was continuing to take a leading part in the open debates and other business of the Association, as well as in other matters of a more extraneous nature; and it is not without surprise that one reads that on the death of the Janitor of the University in 1840, the Society went out of its way to petition the Town Council to appoint his son to the vacant post. Several incidents of importance occurred in session 1841-42, when it was well for the Society that it had such a Secretary as Mr. Hallard, afterwards Sheriff-Substitute of Mid-Lothian, and to his death, in 1882, one of the staunchest friends it ever possessed. The Secretary to the Associated Societies was a certain David Douglas—a delegate from the long-extinct *Cuvierian*, which had been admitted into the Association in 1838—and this person quietly appropriated to his own use the funds with which he was intrusted. Legal proceedings were successfully taken against him, but he had no assets, and the loss had to be met by extra assessments on the different societies. A slight unpleasantness with the Diagnostic is also recorded. Through the mistake of the Secretary of that Society its open meeting was not intimated to the Dialectic, which thereupon resolved not to attend the meeting, and, if

possible to persuade the Scots Law to follow its example. An elaborate correspondence with the Diagnostic, conducted with the most formal and even stately courtesy on both sides, was the result, that Society very naturally protesting that no disrespect had been intended, and the Dialectic standing very severely on its dignity. In the long run the matter was amicably arranged amid assurances of mutual respect. But the taste for epistolary warfare had been awakened, and a shorter, but equally stately and amusing, correspondence with the Metaphysical Society took place with reference to the subject of debate proposed by it for an open meeting, viz. : 'Whether is the study of Physical or Metaphysical Science the most advantageous as a mental discipline?' And the Dialectic roused the wrath of the Philosophers by objecting to that question as not 'of general interest or calculated to bring out a good debate.' An important change in the conduct of business was made at this time, on Mr. Millar's motion, to the effect that private business be postponed till the whole of the public business has been disposed of; but an attempt, often repeated, to have regular critics appointed for each essay was unsuccessful. It was also resolved that dispensations should be granted much more sparingly than had recently been the custom, and next session a special charge was made for dispensations, with the view of making members more chary of applying for them, as well as of increasing the Society's funds. In 1843 a Society termed the Eclectic made overtures for union with the Dialectic, but the project fell through. So keen, however, was the desire to belong to the Dialectic exhibited by some members of the Eclectic, that, when the negotiations had been broken off, they left their own Society, and presented a petition for admission, which was granted. Early next session a proposal for union was made by the Diagnostic, and 'before forming any opinion on the expediency of the proposed union,' it was

resolved to appoint a committee to meet with a committee of the Diagnostic, and report. The two committees appear to have satisfied themselves as to the expediency of union, and, save on one point, to have been practically agreed on its terms. That point, however, was the all-important one of name, the one party proposing that the joint Society should be termed 'The United Dialectic and Diagnostic Society,' and the other insisting that the Diagnostic must merge its existence entirely in that of the Dialectic; and so this proposed union also came to nothing.

Mr. Ebenezer Mill's services to the Society in various ways had by this time become so marked that a subscription was raised among the members for the purpose of presenting him with a testimonial, which took the form of a handsomely bound copy of 'Jeffrey's Contributions to the *Edinburgh Review*.' And in 1846, in spite of his own opposition to the expense involved, his services were still further rewarded by the silver medal of the Society. Mr. Mill, who obtained honorary privileges in 1841, is stated in 1846 to have been in regular attendance during the whole of the intervening time, and was no fewer than four times elected President. In 1845, corresponding membership was instituted with the view of enabling members who had to leave town for a lengthened period to retain their connection with the Society. An amusing incident took place in 1846. A young Greek named Mussabini, who had taken a very active part in the Society's work since his admission the year before, seems to have considered his merits deserving of some recognition at the Society's hands, and the special form of recognition he appears to have anticipated was his election as one of the Presidents. His hopes, however, were disappointed, and he at once sent in his resignation, which the Society declined to accept, instructing the Secretary to inform him, 'that it had been the practice of the Society to be satisfied that

the resignation of members proceeded from just grounds.' At next meeting Mr. Mussabini having appeared, and stated the reasons that led to his resignation, a committee was appointed to confer with him. The committee reported in terms well calculated to soothe his wounded feelings, setting forth his services to the Society, and giving as their opinion that he 'had well commended himself to the office of President of the Dialectic Society, and that the omission arose from the fact of his services having been overlooked, and this through the unintentional remissness of some of the members.' Mr. Mussabini was fortunately mollified by the adoption of this report, and accordingly withdrew his resignation. The same session was enlivened by another and still more extraordinary occurrence. The subject of debate at an open meeting with the Scots Law Society, on 9th January 1847, was, 'Ought Railway Travelling on Sunday to be permitted?' and some objection seems to have been taken to this, as being a religious question. The President, however, pointed out that 'the question was not whether Sunday travelling was right, but whether it ought to be permitted,' and on this understanding the debate went on. In its course a member of the Diagnostic made use of arguments bearing on the Divine obligation of the Sabbath, and against this the members of the Scots Law protested. It was however moved, and carried by a majority, 'that speakers be allowed to adopt any line of argument they may see fit,' and thereupon the members of the Scots Law entered their dissent and left the room. After the division, when the negative was carried, Mr. Beaumont, of the Diagnostic, moved that the result be communicated to the Directors of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company. But the President ruled this motion incompetent, and dissolved the meeting. Mr. Beaumont and his supporters, however, appear to have remained behind, reconstituted the meeting, passed their resolution, and presumably com-

municated with the Railway Company ; for at next meeting of the Dialectic two members were censured from the chair for their share in these proceedings. The Secretary was also instructed to intimate to the railway directors that no such motion as the one mentioned had been passed by the Dialectic Society, at its open meeting, and also to bring the matter under the notice of the other societies. One of the members censured was Mr. Clark, afterwards Sheriff of Lanarkshire, and he was at that time one of the delegates to the Council. When the matter came before the Council, Mr. Clark very naturally defended the proceedings in which he had taken part, and a motion very different from what the majority of the Dialectic desired was adopted by the delegates, which so incensed the Society that it removed Mr. Clark from his office, and, to make matters sure, appointed the reliable Mr. Ebenezer Mill a delegate in his stead. At the same meeting, Mr. Boyd Kinnear intimated his intention of bringing 'certain charges' against Mr. Coventry, the other member who had been censured ; but when the time came it was stated, on Mr. Coventry's behalf, that there was 'no foundation for the reports referred to,' and so the matter was allowed to drop. During this session an important change was made with reference to the selection of essays and subjects of debate. The practice for long had been for a member to intimate the subject of his essay a fortnight before it fell to be read, while a list of questions was made up at the end of each session from which one had to be selected, and intimated to the Society, by the members appointed to lead, a fortnight before the discussion, the senior member, as has been already stated, selecting the question, and the other choosing his side. The new procedure was for members before the end of each session to intimate subjects on which they were prepared to read essays during the next ; and one of these, along with a debate, was then allocated to

a specific meeting, and an order of business drawn up and printed, showing exactly what fell to be done at each meeting. The change was a good one, and is the basis of the present practice of the Society.

In 1849 there was again trouble with the Town Council. The Janitor of the University had complained of the insufficiency of (tradition says) his kitchen accommodation, and to provide for his comfort the Town Council, who had long ago obtained and spent their grant, calmly ignoring the condition on which it had been given, resolved to place the Societies' Hall at his disposal, the societies being told that they might meet in the retiring room of Professor Robertson. The old fight had to be won over again; but this time the Dialectic had no longer to bear the whole brunt, as it had done sixteen years before. The matter was peculiarly one for the Association, and the societies now found the advantage of a common organisation. The matter was skilfully managed, and before very long fairly satisfactory arrangements were made, although it was found impossible to preserve the old hall, the 'permanent' resting-place which Lord Cockburn believed he had secured for the societies, from the strange humour of the Patrons.

In 1850 two changes of importance were made on the conduct of public business. The one, which is still found to work most satisfactorily, was the appointment of two auxiliary speakers for each debate. The other was the appointment of two formal critics for each essay; but the Society soon discovered that this was no improvement, and no mention of critics occurs in the laws of 1853. It was also resolved during this session to impose the usual fines on members who were absent from any open meetings in which the Dialectic took part, and next session the order of business was altered, and the debate placed before the essay.

One of the most useful members of the Society at this time was Mr. Traquair, a student of medicine, who had been admitted in 1844, and, at the last meeting of session 1851-52, his long and valuable services were very properly rewarded with the silver medal. It is sad to notice that the second minute of next session contains a resolution expressing the Society's grief at his death.

A curious point was raised in 1852 by the ingenuity of a member, who found himself at the last moment unable to read an essay in his turn, and sought to avoid the usual fine by producing a substitute in terms of the laws. This substitute, however, was *not* a member of the Society, and it was accordingly resolved not to receive his essay, though in the circumstances it was also agreed that no fine should be imposed. This session was signalised by a remarkably successful open meeting with the Diagnostic, when the subject of the Disruption was discussed. So crowded was the hall that the Secretary reported at next meeting that he had been unable to ascertain whether all the members of the Dialectic were present or not, and the debate was so keen that it was 2 A.M. before the division took place.

The edition of the laws published in 1853 contains also a list of the members of the Society brought down to date. The committee which prepared that list thought that a certain John Campbell who had been admitted in 1794 might possibly be 'plain John Campbell,' then Lord Chief-Justice of England. On inquiry they found that they were mistaken, but so pleased was the Society with his Lordship's kindly response to their communication, that it created him an honorary member, and sent him a lengthy and very flattering Latin diploma, which is engrossed in the minute of 6th November 1852. It is not surprising to notice that at the same time the Society also manifested a high regard for its own dignity in smaller things. A certain Mr. Forbes, who appears never to have attended after being

admitted, was 'summoned' to 'appear and show cause why, since his admission to the Society, he had not discharged the usual obligations of entrants.' Mr. Forbes evidently felt his position, for in due time 'compeared Mr. Alexander Forbes in respect of summons of the Society, and having stated that his present engagements were such as to preclude him giving any attendance on the meetings of the Society during the winter, and having respectfully requested permission to withdraw his application, the Society unanimously allowed him to retire.'

It is also recorded how, when on 8th January 1853 the Society 'called for Mr. Young's essay on "The Mythology of Greece," the Secretary stated that he had received an essay from Mr. Young entitled "On Novel-reading," accompanied by a letter in which that gentleman stated that the said essay had been written in a careless and hurried way,—in respect whereof the Society declined to receive the said essay.'

As the Town Council were still the Patrons, so the Lord Provost was *ex officio* the Rector of the University. It was otherwise at the other Scottish Universities, where the Rector was the chosen of the Students, who in this way enjoyed the congenial excitement of an election as well as the more chastened pleasures of seeing and occasionally hearing some eminent man. The societies hit upon a plan of supplying the want by instituting the Honorary Presidentship of the Association in 1853. This innovation was, as a matter of courtesy, intimated to the Patrons, who do not appear to have particularly relished the idea, for, though they evidently did not think it prudent to attempt to veto a proposal with which they had practically no concern, they went out of their way to inform the societies that, in the event of an Honorary President being appointed, they would not permit his inaugural address to be delivered within the College.

But, in spite of municipal snarling, the societies proceeded with their plan; and their first Honorary President was Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, whose inaugural address has long since taken rank as a classic.

There was a general desire that the introduction of the Honorary President on that occasion should be intrusted to Mr. Moncreiff, then Lord Advocate, and now Lord Moncreiff, Lord Justice-Clerk of Scotland. He was not, however, a member of any of the societies, and so was hardly qualified to take part in a meeting of the Association. But the difficulty was got over by his election, on 10th December 1853, as an honorary member of the Dialectic; and it is interesting to notice that, not content with a mere formal acknowledgment of the honour done him, the Lord Advocate appeared at the next meeting of the Society, and took part in the debate.

In the same year a new Eclectic Society, founded in 1851, made overtures to the Dialectic for admission. The proposal was favourably received, and the members of the Eclectic—and amongst them Mr. (now Sir) C. U. Aitchison—were admitted on equitable terms. In 1854 a motion to meet on Friday instead of Saturday was again rejected, and about the same time it was resolved to call the first roll at six o'clock. It is not surprising that, with the Secretary the Society then possessed, its strength was seriously impaired; and the members had this unpleasant fact pressed on their notice when, on 18th November 1854, it was found impossible to bestow honorary privileges on Messrs. Spittal and Dougall through there not being twenty attending ordinary members on the roll. But a change for the better set in when the management of the Society's affairs passed into more trustworthy hands, and 1855-56, though uneventful, was one of its most useful sessions. The proper furnishing of their hall was at this time receiving the attention of the societies, and the Dialectic was able to afford a grant of ten

pounds for this very desirable object. The next session was concluded by a valedictory address from Mr. Taylor Innes, which the Society paid the rare compliment of ordering to be printed for the use of members; and it was followed by one of the few really successful summer sessions that the Society has had, the 'Summer Society,' however, receiving 'power to legislate only for its own requirements.'

During session 1857-58 the Society may be said to have practically renewed its youth. For Secretary it had Mr. (now the Rev. Principal) Miller, and he and the other members went with enthusiasm into its work. The furnishing and ventilation of the hall received attention, and an album was procured, 'in which the name, with place of residence, of all present and future members of the Society should be enrolled, in order that their history in after life might be the more easily discovered.' The membership, too, largely increased, while in quality it was also very high. It was thus in circumstances full of hope for the future, that the Society proceeded to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of its foundation by what was termed 'a general reunion of all now alive who are or have been members of the Society.' This reunion took the form of a dinner in Barry's Hotel on 30th March 1858. Lord Cowan, who had done so much for the Society in the troublous times of 1830-33, was in the chair, while Lord Deas and the Rev. Peter Balfour acted as croupiers. A full account of the proceedings is to be found in the Minutes, and gives a lively impression of the enthusiasm that prevailed.

Another successful summer session was held in 1858. At the first meeting a letter was read from Professor Pillans, whose interest in times long past had evidently been quickened by the dinner proceedings, in which he had taken a leading part, asking to see the Minutes relating to his connection with the Society. This request was, of

course, granted, 'it being, however, understood that an acknowledgment of the receipt of said Minutes be left in the hands of the Secretary.' At this time the air was full of proposals for University reform. The old order was condemned, and many minds were busy scheming out the new. The University was seen to have become more than the mere 'Town College,' though it may be doubted whether its true place and nature were even then at all generally understood. It is accordingly worthy of note that at one meeting of this summer session the business of the evening was interrupted to enable Mr. Cusin to bring before the members 'the necessity of having the Associated Societies represented in the proposed constitution of the University,' a proposal that came to nothing, but embodying an idea that in various forms is steadily gaining ground. Next session was also particularly successful, a joint result of the stimulus given by the recent reunion, the ability of the general body of members, and the zeal and energy of the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Laurie. The numbers on the roll rose to 47, while the average attendance was as high as 31. The Minutes are full of entries that might be noticed, but a few may serve as specimens of the rest. The proposal to preserve all essays read before the Society was once more repeated. The number of ordinary members was limited to 48, while the meetings to be attended before a member might apply for honorary privileges were increased from 45 to 54. The length of speeches was restricted to a quarter of an hour, the openers of the debate being each allowed twenty minutes. A new diploma, too—the one still in use—was prepared at the Society's request by Professor Pillans. An ineffectual attempt was also made to abrogate the law that prohibited the introduction of essays or debates that touched on the politics of the day. But perhaps the most interesting entry is one that tells of a letter from Sir Alexander Tulloch,

referring to the time when he had been a member of the Society, and offering to present it with copies of his works. His gift was gratefully accepted by the Society, which created him an honorary member.

Next session one or two important changes were made on the constitution of the Society, such, for example, as the introduction of the ballot in the election of office-bearers, and the separation of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, which had previously been filled by the same person. Session 1860-61 saw the prohibition against the admission of questions or essays 'regarding the politics of the day' at last repealed, while the election of office-bearers for the year was also changed from the second meeting of each session to the second-last meeting of the one before. For some considerable period there is little that calls for notice save that in 1863 the laws were again revised, and the Society appears to have quietly and uneventfully gone on its way. Sometimes the membership was not as large as might have been desired, but generally the numbers kept up well. The funds in hand, too, were always more than sufficient for its wants, and in 1862 a donation of £5 was voted to the Lancashire Distress Fund. In 1865 a curious incident occurred which afforded the Society another occasion for the exercise of its benevolence. On 28th January a letter was read from an honorary member of the Society, 'stating that through a series of misfortunes he had become nearly destitute, and requesting some aid as a loan from the Society.' 'After some conversation a committee was appointed to take the case in hand, and with full powers to give him a sum of money from £3 to £5.' In due time the committee reported, and on their recommendation the Society agreed that '£1 in addition to the £5 already given be sent to him.' At next meeting it was stated on behalf of the committee that the £1 had been sent, and that the

recipient had written a letter acknowledging its receipt, and requesting a further loan, but very naturally the Society resolved 'that no further action be taken in this case.'

Session 1865-66 witnessed an outburst of reforming zeal on the part of the University officials, who intimated that thereafter the gates would be shut at 11.30 P.M., and also that the Senatus would in future itself purvey attendance, coal, and gas, for the sum of £3 per annum, instead of allowing the Janitor to contract therefor, as had formerly been the case.

A lively summer session was held in 1868, in the course of which the minds of members were much agitated by a proposal, finally rejected, that a Liturgy should be drawn up for the use of the Presidents. At the last meeting the Secretary reported that none of the fines incurred during the session had been paid, and read a list of the defaulters. This was found to contain the name of every one of the members, so it was there and then resolved that all the fines should be remitted, and an assessment of threepence a head imposed to repay the Secretary's disbursements! Instead of a dinner, the session concluded with 'a short excursion into the country'!

Hitherto, the debate had been in the form of a question, the one opener leading on the affirmative, and the other on the negative side. But in 1868-69, it was agreed that it should be 'by motion and amendments,' presumably to facilitate the discussion of questions which do not admit of being answered by a simple *Yes* or *No*; and this form has remained in use to the present time. The laws and the list of members were also revised during this session, which is, however, chiefly noteworthy for the fact that there were no fewer than fifty-six ordinary attending members on the roll.

On 4th December 1869, the extraordinary motion 'that the members of the Dialectic Society rule that ladies be admitted as visitors to the debates of the Society, on a special introduction by a member,' was rejected in favour of the still more extraordinary amendment 'that ladies be admitted members of the Society.' But in a week or two the Society seems to have relapsed into reason, and the new law was unanimously repealed. On 5th March 1870, 'it was reported that, by order of the Senatus the Society had not been permitted to hold its usual meeting on the 26th ult.,' and the Treasurer was accordingly instructed in paying the rent for the session to deduct the proportion applicable to that night. But in consequence of explanations from the University officials, this instruction was cancelled, while a committee which had been appointed to memorialise the Senatus was thanked and discharged.

The fifty-six members of 1866-69 had fallen in two years to fourteen, and their attendance was most irregular. It was accordingly not without reason that the Secretary, on 27th January 1872, referred to 'the exceptionally low state of the Society,' pointing out that 'as there had not been a quorum present at its last two meetings, and as a growing want of interest in the Society was manifested, and as it had been in a decaying condition for some time past, the result might be serious unless some effort were made.' Various causes had contributed to bring about this rapid decline. The Society, for one thing, had of late assumed too philosophical a complexion to be attractive to many of those from whom its best members used chiefly to be drawn. Then came the foundation of the Philosophical Society, which drew off from the Dialectic the interest and attention of the very men who were responsible for its own transformation. And to these causes must be added a third, which, owing its existence to the other two, wrought as much mischief as both of them together. The

management of a vigorous and flourishing Society would never have been intrusted to such hands as those into which the affairs of the Dialectic had in 1870-71 unfortunately fallen ; and the marvel is not so much that the Society had declined, as that it still continued to exist.

Various attempts to build it up, feebly conceived, and as feebly carried out, brought the Society to the end of session 1874-75—when, in a spirit of weariness and almost of despair, the members resolved for a time to rest upon their oars.

But the Dialectic had too proud a history to be allowed to die, and before long, through the energy and enthusiasm of various old members, new life was infused into the Society, which has since then continued as flourishing as it ever was. Conspicuous amongst these old members was the Rev. Principal Miller, C.I.E., who for his services was presented with the silver medal of the Society, at the dinner held in March 1878, to celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of its foundation.

In another part of this volume will be found the names of those who have been members of the Society since that date, and also the public business that has occupied its attention. The Minutes of that period no doubt contain many entries that the discriminating future historian may very properly consider both interesting and important ; and it has been thought better to leave them to the discriminating future historian for treatment, than to introduce them into the present sketch. Suffice it to say that while its own proper work, as was right, has ever received its first attention, the Society has always taken its proper place in the University movements of the last ten years. Its share in the work of the Association, and specially in the negotiations that have at last obtained for the Societies the 'permanent accommodation' they have had to fight for so long,

recalls the time of Cockburn, fifty years ago ; while the part that its members have played in the formation of the Students' Representative Council and the foundation of the Union, shows that its sympathies have not narrowed with age, but extend even beyond the Association to the students as a whole.

Owing to the loss of the Society's first Minute-Book, the Subjects debated during the first four Sessions are unknown. Meetings for which no debates are recorded were occupied usually in the reading and criticism of Essays, the titles of which will be found in the List of Members under the names of the Authors. The decisions are given in all cases in which they are recorded in the Minutes ; and where no other explanation appears the figures indicate the number of Votes given for each side ; those for the affirmative, first alternative, or motion being placed first.

HISTORY OF THE DIALECTIC SOCIETY.

SUBJECTS OF DEBATE.

FIFTH SESSION.—1791-92.

1791.

- Dec. 10. Will the Revolution of France be of more advantage than disadvantage to Europe? (Decided unanimously in affirmative).
- Dec. 17. Whether is indolence or imprudence in the prosecution of study more detrimental? (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 24. Is religion at present on the increase or decline? (Adjourned.)

1792.

- Jan. 7. Same subject continued. (Second alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 14. Whether the different habits of men arise more from their natural constitution or peculiar circumstances? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 21. Is it justifiable in the Legislature to establish a particular mode of religious worship? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 28. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 4. Would it be sound policy in the British Legislature to abolish the African slave trade? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Feb. 11. Does the light of nature supply man with a perfect rule of duty? (Decided in negative without voting.)

- Feb. 18. Whether has Christianity suffered more from the imprudence of her friends or from the power of her adversaries? (First alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 25. Whether is lenity or severity better calculated to reclaim the vicious? (First alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 3. On the supposition that there were no future state, whether does the voluptuous infidel or the sober Christian better consult his present interest? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 10. Whether is the study of moral philosophy or of rhetoric more useful to a student in Divinity? (First alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 17. Is it improper in a preacher to move the passions of his audience? (Decided in negative without voting.)
- Mar. 24. Whether is society more indebted for its general improvement to the exertions of the male or of the fair sex? (First alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 31. Should Britain regret the loss of her American colonies? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Apr. 7. Whether does reflection on the shortness and uncertainty of life tend more to destroy or to animate exertion? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 21. Ought the penal statutes against the Unitarians to be repealed? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 28. Is suicide a greater mark of courage or of cowardice? (Second alternative unanimously adopted.)
- May 12. Does the use of the produce of slavery involve us in its guilt? (Decided in affirmative.)
- May 19. Is religion a necessary qualification of a good citizen? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)

- May 26. Whether are the good or bad features of Queen Mary's character more prominent? (Second alternative adopted.)
- June 9. Whether does a regard to the dictates and alarms of conscience or to the judgments of the world contribute more to preserve the virtue that remains among men? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 16. Whether has the cultivation or the neglect of human learning been more prejudicial to the interests of religion? (Second alternative adopted.)
- June 23. Whether does the mariner returned from shipwreck, or the slave restored to liberty enjoy more happiness? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 30. Whether is it more difficult to obtain or retain a good character? (Second alternative adopted.)
- July 7. Are all the tribes of mankind sprung from one original pair? (Decided in affirmative without voting.)
- July 14. Whether in the late riots were the magistrates or the mob more blameable? (Second alternative adopted.)
- July 21. Is a reform of the representation in the British Parliament necessary? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- July 28. Whether is emigration more owing to poverty or oppression? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Aug. 4. Ought the law of patronage to be repealed? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

SIXTH SESSION.—1792-93.

1792.

- Oct. 27. Is the diffusion of political knowledge among the vulgar conducive to the advantage of the nation? (Decided in affirmative.)

- Nov. 3. Is the reading of sermons consistent with the dignity of the pulpit? (Decided in negative.)
- Nov. 17. Is it lawful for Christians to employ force in the vindication of their religious rights? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Nov. 24. Is the law of primogeniture unjust? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Dec. 1. Ought Louis the Sixteenth to be brought to capital punishment? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 8. Does the present aspect of the world justify the hope of distinguished improvement? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Dec. 15. Has man from nature a sense of duty distinct from a regard to interest? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Dec. 22. Is there a particular Providence? (Decided in affirmative without voting.)
- Dec. 29. Would it be proper for Britain to enter into the French war? (Decided unanimously in negative.)

1793.

- Jan. 12. Have the writings of Deists been of more advantage or disadvantage to Christianity? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 19. Is the French law that dissolves the ties of wedlock on the consent of parties justifiable? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Jan. 26. Was the ceremonial law abrogated by the introduction of the Gospel? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Feb. 2. Have the efforts of imagination been of more advantage or disadvantage to virtue? (Second alternative adopted.)

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- Feb. 9. Can a Presbyterian form of Church government be inferred from Scripture? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 16. Is the establishment of national churches beneficial to society? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 23. Is similarity of disposition or reciprocity of interest the firmer basis of friendship? (First alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 2. Are the French justifiable in attacking foreign powers for the purpose of promoting the cause of liberty? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 9. Is imprisonment for debt justifiable? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 16. Does the light of reason furnish probable evidence of the soul's immortality? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 30. Whether is the Calvinistic or the Arminian creed more agreeable to reason? (Adjourned.)
- Apr. 6. Same subject continued. (First alternative unanimously adopted.)
- Apr. 13. Are the good or bad features in the character of Queen Mary of Scots more prominent? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 27. Was Brutus justifiable in killing Cæsar? (Decided in negative.)
- May 4. Has the King a right to appoint a general fast? (Decided in affirmative.)
- May 18. Would a more frequent celebration of the Lord's Supper tend to the edification of the Church? (Adjourned.)
- May 25. Same subject continued. (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- June 1. Whether is the desire of praise or the fear of blame the greater incitement to virtue? (No decision, as President declined to give casting vote.)

- June 8. Does the cultivation of the understanding or of the imagination afford the greater pleasure? (Second alternative adopted by President's casting vote.)
- June 15. Is an established form of religion necessary to the stability of civil government? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- June 22. Is an enlightened understanding or a feeling heart preferable? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 29. Was it proper in the Irish Parliament to pass the late Bill for the relief of the Catholics there? (Adjourned till next session.)
- July 6. Do our errors proceed more from passion or prejudice? (Adjourned.)
- July 20. Same subject continued. (Second alternative adopted by casting vote of President.)
- July 27. Are we more indebted to reading or travelling for our knowledge of the world? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Aug. 3. Is our success in life more owing to genius or application? (Adjourned till next session.)

SEVENTH SESSION.—1793-94.

1793.

- Oct. 19. Debate adjourned on Aug. 3 resumed. (Second alternative unanimously adopted.)
- Oct. 26. Debate adjourned on June 29 resumed. (Decided in negative.)
- Nov. 2. Is luxury or poverty the greater source of uneasiness? (First alternative adopted.)
- Nov. 16. Is temperance in prosperity or fortitude in adversity the greater virtue? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 1.)

- Nov. 23. Which are more difficult, the functions of the general or those of the statesman? (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 30. Same subject continued. (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 7. Are there sufficient motives to virtue independent of the belief of a future state? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Dec. 14. Would it be for the advantage of society that the fair sex should receive a scientific education? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 21. Ought children to be under the control of their parents in forming the matrimonial connection? (Decided in negative.)

1794.

- Jan. 11. Is the resurrection of the body consistent with the principles of reason? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Jan. 18. Which has been of more advantage to society, the invention of the mariners' compass or the art of printing? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 25. Is the immortality of the soul discoverable by the light of nature? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 1. Is self-love or benevolence the stronger principle of action? (Second alternative unanimously adopted.)
- Feb. 8. Whether is the greater evidence of pride a conformity to or contempt of the fashions? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 15. Is the doctrine of original sin consistent with reason? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 22. Are public creeds and confessions as tests of orthodoxy justifiable? (Decided in affirmative.)

- Mar. 1. Can the present state of the Jews be accounted for from natural causes? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Mar. 8. Were sacrifices originally of Divine appointment? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Mar. 15. Are more of our evils real or imaginary? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 22. Is the Christian religion, independent of its Divine authority, the best calculated to promote morality? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 29. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 5. Can the propagation of Christianity be accounted for from natural causes? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Apr. 12. Is the law of patronage consistent with reason and Scripture? (Adjourned.)
- Apr. 26. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)
- May 3. Has the civil establishment of Christianity been of more advantage or disadvantage to it? (Second alternative adopted.)
- May 17. Have novels in general a greater tendency to corrupt or improve the mind? (First alternative adopted.)
- May 24. Are the actions of men more often influenced by reason and judgment, or by custom and prejudice? (Second alternative adopted.)
- May 31. Has controversy been of more advantage or disadvantage to Christianity? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 7. Whether does agriculture or commerce tend more to make a people happy? (First alternative adopted.)

- June 14. Whether has luxury a greater tendency to produce wants, or wants to produce industry? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 21. Do charitable actions proceed more from a principle of pride, or from a sense of duty? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 28. Ought precedents to have any influence in directing judicial determinations? (Decided in negative.)
- July 5. Whether did the establishment of Christianity by Constantine proceed more from his attachment to it or from political views? (Adjourned till next session.)
- July 12. Is the Apocrypha of Divine authority? (Decided in negative.)
- July 19. Which is better calculated to answer the ends of punishment, servitude or an ignominious death? (First alternative adopted.)
- July 26. Would depriving women of portions contribute to the happiness of the marriage state? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Aug. 2. Is religion natural to man or received from tradition? (First alternative adopted.)
- Aug. 9. Is the distinction between moral good and evil founded in the nature of man? (Adjourned till next session.)

EIGHTH SESSION.—1794-95.

1794.

- Oct. 18. Debate adjourned on August 9 resumed. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Oct. 25. Is man at present in a state of probation? (Adjourned.)

- Nov. 1. Same subject continued. (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Nov. 15. Debate adjourned on July 5 resumed. (First alternative adopted.)
- Nov. 22. Is satire a greater friend or enemy to virtue? (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec 6. Have philosophy and learning tended more to retard or accelerate the progress of the Gospel? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 13. Are theatrical exhibitions hurtful to morality? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 20. Does our good conduct proceed more from a sense of duty or from fear of punishment? (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 27. Will the punishment of the wicked be eternal? (Decided in affirmative.)
- 1795.
- Jan. 10. Is civilisation a necessary prerequisite for the reception of Christian knowledge? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 17. Does the present aspect of Providence justify the conclusion that the end of all things is near? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 24. Did the heathens derive the custom of sacrificing from nature or tradition? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 31. Is poetry or oratory the nobler study? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 7. Is it possible for an atheist to be a good member of society? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 14. Which tends more to mental improvement, the study of history or philosophy? (First alternative adopted.)

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- Feb. 21. Whether has matter or manner a greater influence upon a public auditory? (First alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 28. Whether is universal or particular redemption more consistent with reason and Scripture? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 7. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 14. Same subject continued. (No decision, as President declined to give casting vote.)
- Mar. 21. Is the soul of man immaterial? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 28. Whether does study or conversation tend more to improvement? (First alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 4. Is there more misery or happiness in the world? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 18. Whether does agriculture or commerce tend more to promote the happiness of a people? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 1.)
- Apr. 25. Whether is the physician or the lawyer the more useful member of society? (Second alternative adopted.)
- May 2. Whether has riches or honour the greater influence on the human mind? (Second alternative adopted.)
- May 16. In the performance of good actions are men more often influenced by ostentation or benevolence? (First alternative adopted.)
- May 23. Which is more dangerous, the deceitful friend or the open enemy? (First alternative unanimously adopted.)
- May 30. Which is more honourable, to accept or decline a challenge? (Second alternative unanimously adopted.)
- June 6. Does the advantage resulting from the knowledge of the dead languages compensate for the trouble of acquiring it? (Adjourned.)
- June 13. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)

- June 20. Whether is a social or a solitary life more subservient to virtue? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 27. Was the rapid propagation of Christianity more owing to natural or supernatural causes? (Second alternative unanimously adopted.)
- July 11. Does the enlargement of our knowledge tend more to increase or diminish our happiness? (First alternative adopted without voting.)
- July 18. Have the writings of sceptics done more good or evil to mankind? (First alternative adopted by casting vote of President.)
- July 25. Is the Test Act justifiable? (Adjourned.)
- Aug. 1. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative.)
- Aug. 8. Has the discovery of America been of advantage to Europe? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Aug. 15. Is man in an indefinite state of improvement? (Decided in affirmative.)

NINTH SESSION.—1795-96.

1795.

- Oct. 10. Is the soul of man immortal? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Oct. 17. Is unanimity or a majority in a jury better calculated to give a fair decision? (First alternative adopted.)
- Oct. 24. Whether does science or industry contribute more to the happiness of society? (First alternative adopted.)
- Oct. 31. Is articulate language of human or Divine origin? (Second alternative adopted.)

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- Nov. 21. Are colonies of advantage to the mother country? (Decided in negative.)
- Nov. 28. Is the soul of man immortal? *Re-debated.* (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 5. Is unanimity or a majority in a jury better calculated to give a fair decision? *Re-debated.* (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 12. Do the sacred or profane poets excel more in description? (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 19. Is biography or general history more useful? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 26. Did Henry VIII. throw off the Papal yoke from secular or religious motives? (First alternative unanimously adopted.)

1796.

- Jan. 16. Is the doctrine of innate ideas founded in truth? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Jan. 23. Is it consistent with the clerical character to hold a civil office? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 30. Has Homer or Ossian the greater merit as an epic poet? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 13. Is the law of primogeniture justifiable? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Feb. 20. Has the invention of the arts and sciences tended more to increase or diminish human happiness? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 27. Are all mankind descended from one original pair? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 5. Debate adjourned on February 20 resumed. (First alternative adopted.)

- Mar. 12. Is the law of patronage justifiable? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 19. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 26. Are exclusive establishments justifiable? (Adjourned.)
- Apr. 9. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative.)
- Apr. 16. Does hope or enjoyment contribute more to the happiness of life? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 23. Are we more indebted to the eye or the ear for improvement? (Second alternative adopted by casting vote of President.)
- Apr. 30. Ought all Churches to hold communion that are agreed in the same grand articles of faith? (Adjourned.)
- May 21. Same subject continued. (Decided that all the Churches that agree in *all* the grand articles of faith ought to hold communion.)
- June 11. Is Cicero or Demosthenes the greater orator? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 25. Was the Reformation more owing to a combination of favourable circumstances or to the zeal and abilities of the Reformers? (First alternative adopted.)
- July 2. Which conduces more to the happiness of a nation, perpetual peace, or a mixture of war and peace? (Adjourned.)
- July 9. Same subject continued. (First alternative adopted.)
- July 16. Ought any restraints to be imposed on the liberty of the press? (Decided in negative.)
- July 23. Is the Episcopal or the Presbyterian mode of Church government more congenial to the spirit of Christianity? (Second alternative adopted.)

TENTH SESSION.—1796-97.

1796.

- Oct. 29. Is the Mosaic account of the creation consistent with the present appearances of nature? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Nov. 12. Are there evidences in the natural world of the depravity of man? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Nov. 19. Is there a particular Providence? (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 26. Same subject continued. (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Dec. 3. Is an oath binding upon posterity? (Decided in negative, with one dissentient.)
- Dec. 10. Are the Scriptures of Divine authority? (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 17. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 24. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)

1797.

- Jan. 14. Is the absolutely monarchical or the democratical government better calculated to produce national happiness? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 21. Does education or natural propensity tend more to form the moral character? (First alternative adopted, with one dissentient.)
- Jan. 28. Has Scotland been benefited by her union with England? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 4. Is the study of law as a profession beneficial to society? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 11. Is the doctrine of an atonement agreeable to Scripture and reason? (Adjourned.)

- Feb. 18. Same subject continued. (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Feb. 25. Have physical or moral causes the greater influence in forming the national character? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 4. Is the present plan of the missionary societies in Scotland justifiable? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 11. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 18. Is the resurrection of Christ attested by sufficient evidence? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Mar. 25. Is the doctrine of original sin agreeable to reason and Scripture? (Adjourned.)
- Apr. 1. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 8. Is man a free agent? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Apr. 15. Will there be a resurrection of the body? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 22. Will the punishment of the wicked be eternal? (Decided in affirmative, with one dissentient.)
- May 6. Is man happier in a rude or in a civilised state? (Second alternative adopted.)
- May 20. Is the doctrine of infant baptism contained in Scripture? (Decided in affirmative.)
- May 27. Is the stage friendly to virtue? (Decided in negative.)
- June 10. Were the Crusades of advantage to Europe? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 17. Is agriculture or commerce more beneficial to a nation? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 24. Does our misery arise more from real or imaginary causes? (Second alternative adopted.)
- July 1. Is the bigot or the freethinker the worst member of society? (First alternative adopted.)

- July 15. Is curiosity of advantage to man? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 22. Has the discovery of America been of advantage to Europe? (Adjourned.)
- July 29. Same subject continued. (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

ELEVENTH SESSION.—1797-98.

1797.

- Oct. 21. Are capital punishments expedient? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Oct. 28. Is suicide justifiable? (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 11. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Nov. 18. Was there a universal deluge? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Nov. 25. Can the first establishment of Christianity be accounted for from natural causes? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 2. Are the motives to duty sufficient independent of a future state? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 9. Is the African slave-trade justifiable on the principles of policy? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 16. Have we reason to think that the common people shall be always guided by prejudice? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 30. Can society exist without religion? (Adjourned.)

1798.

- Jan. 20. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 27. Are speculative opinions of any importance except in so far as they influence practice? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

- Feb. 10. Can the present state of the Jews be accounted for from natural causes? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 17. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 24. Do the advantages of classical literature compensate for the labour of its acquisition? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 10. Is lay preaching consistent with reason and Scripture? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 17. Has the interest of religion been promoted by the Secession in Scotland? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 24. Did Queen Mary merit the treatment she received from her subjects? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Mar. 31. Was Brutus justifiable in killing Caesar? (Adjourned.)
- Apr. 21. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 28. Is the soul material? (Decided in negative.)
- June 9. Is polygamy favourable to population? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- June 16. Is duelling justifiable? (Decided in negative with two dissentients.)
- June 23. Is the light of nature sufficient for salvation? (Decided in negative with one dissentient.)
- June 30. Can motives of expediency justify restraints on the diffusion of knowledge? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- July 14. Ought children to be educated in the speculative opinions of their parents? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 21. Is the present extensive circulation of newspapers of advantage to society? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 28. Did the doctrine of Immortality form a part of the Mosaic revelation? (Decided in affirmative.)

TWELFTH SESSION.—1798-99.

1798.

- Oct. 20. Is a public or private education the more beneficial? (First alternative adopted with one dissentient.)
- Oct. 27. Have the writings of Deists been favourable to Christianity? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Nov. 3. Has the cultivation of the sciences been favourable to human happiness? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Nov. 17. Are there sufficient evidences of a moral government from the light of nature? (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 24. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 1. Has the subdivision of labour been favourable to human improvement? (Decided in negative.)
- Déc. 8. Did Constantine embrace Christianity from secular or religious motives? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 15. Are the limitations to marriage from consanguinity natural or arbitrary? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 22. Is luxury the mark of national declension or prosperity? (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 29. Is suicide justifiable? (Decided in negative.)

1799.

- Jan. 19. Is the commercial or the agricultural system the more favourable to population? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 1.)
- Jan. 26. Is emigration more owing to oppression or excessive population? (First alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 9. Was the overthrow of the Roman Empire of advantage to Europe? (Decided in affirmative.)

- Feb. 16. Is utility the standard of morality? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Feb. 23. Are religious establishments favourable to the interests of Christianity? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 2. Are theatrical exhibitions hurtful to morality? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 9. Has matter or manner the greater influence on a public audience? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 16. Is original sin consistent with reason and Scripture? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 23. Is civilisation a necessary prerequisite to the reception of Christianity? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 30. Do our errors arise more from prejudice or passion? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 6. Ought children to be under the control of their parents in forming the matrimonial connection? (Decided in negative.)
- Apr. 13. Is the soul material? (Decided in negative.)
- Apr. 20. Does education or natural propensity tend more to form the moral character? (First alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 27. Ought marriage to be dissolved by consent of parties? (Decided in negative.)
- May 18. Does the difference between man and the brutes consist in kind or in degree? (Adjourned.)
- May 25. Same subject continued. (First alternative adopted.)
- June 1. Would the unrestrained investigation of character be beneficial to the interests of society? (Decided in negative.)
- June 8. Ought females to be precluded from a philosophical education? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)

- June 15. Was Queen Elizabeth justifiable in putting Queen Mary to death? (Decided in negative.)
- June 22. Would it be more expedient to support the poor by voluntary contributions or by fixed institution? (First alternative adopted.)
- June 29. Is there more happiness or misery in the world? (First alternative unanimously adopted.)
- July 20. Are capital punishments justifiable or expedient? (Decided in affirmative.)

THIRTEENTH SESSION.—1799-80.

1799.

- Oct. 19. Whether is a standing army or a general militia the best and safest defence of a country? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Oct. 26. Are colonies of advantage to the mother country? (Decided in negative.)
- Nov. 2. Do mysteries in religion form any objection against its truth? (Decided in negative.)
- Nov. 16. Is the pulpit or the bar best calculated for the display of eloquence? (First alternative adopted.)
- Nov. 23. Is prayer a reasonable duty? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Nov. 30. Can the immortality of the soul be proven from the light of nature? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 7. Is scepticism or superstition more pernicious to society? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 14. Is genius original or acquired? (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 21. Is ceremony more friendly or detrimental to social happiness? (First alternative adopted.)

1800.

- Jan. 4. Shall man continue to improve? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 11. Is there more happiness or misery in the world? (First alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 18. Is duelling justifiable? (Decided in negative with one dissentient.)
- Jan. 25. Is disputation beneficial? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 1. Ought philanthropy to be cultivated to the exclusion of patriotism? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 8. Would the total abolition of distilleries be attended with advantage to the country? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 22. Ought manufactures or agriculture to be most encouraged? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 8. Are beggars a necessary evil in civilised and commercial countries? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Mar. 15. Do the late defenders of the rights of women deserve well of their country? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 29. Is there such a thing as original genius? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Apr. 12. Are capital punishments expedient? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Apr. 19. Would it have been better for the South Sea Islanders to have remained undiscovered by Europeans? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Apr. 26. Would the general diffusion of knowledge among the lower ranks promote the happiness of society? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

FOURTEENTH SESSION.—1800-1.

1800.

- Nov. 22. Is forestalling of disadvantage to society? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Nov. 29. Is revelation not being universal any objection to its truth? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 13. Is the law of entail expedient? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 20. Is marriage expedient? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Dec. 27. Can the present state of the Jews be accounted for from natural causes? (Decided in negative.)

1801.

- Jan. 10. Is the soul immortal? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 17. Are there any phenomena in the solar system which indicate the dissolution of the world? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 24. Whether has faith or morality the pre-eminence as a Christian virtue? (First alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 31. Are ceremonies essential to religious worship? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 14. Is offensive war ever expedient? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 21. Have the sciences been of real advantage to mankind? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 28. Are all mankind sprung from the same origin? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Mar. 14. Ought the study of the dead languages to form a part of modern education? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 21. Can Society exist without religion? (Decided in affirmative.)

- Mar. 28. Ought fornicators to be subjected to the public censure of the Church? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 11. Would a more general diffusion of knowledge among the lower ranks promote the happiness of society? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 18. Would the infinite subdivision of labour be expedient? (Decided unanimously in negative.)

FIFTEENTH SESSION.—1801-2.

1801.

- Nov. 28. Is marriage expedient? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 12. Is suicide justifiable? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 19. Are distilleries disadvantageous? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Dec. 26. Ought religion to form a part of the early education of children? (Decided in affirmative.)

1802.

- Jan. 16. Are nunneries justifiable? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Jan. 23. Are capital punishments expedient? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 30. Is there a particular providence? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Feb. 13. Should any restraints be imposed on the liberty of the press? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Feb. 20. Ought the slave-trade to be abolished? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 27. Were the Crusades of advantage to Europe? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

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- Mar. 13. Would perpetual peace promote the improvement of mankind? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 20. Is emigration disadvantageous to a country? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 27. Was the Deluge universal? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 10. Was the religion of the heathen derived from tradition or from the exercise of reason? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 17. Is superstition or enthusiasm more hurtful to religion? (First alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 24. Does man differ from the brutes in kind or in degree? (First alternative adopted.)
- May 15. Has Christianity been of advantage to the world from a temporal point of view? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- May 22. Ought there to be ecclesiastical establishments? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- May 29. Do the obligations of a man to a party justify him in voting against his conscience? (Decided in negative.)
- June 12. Have sectaries in Scotland been of advantage to religion? (Decided in negative.)
- June 19. Ought members of the House of Commons to regulate their conduct by the will of their constituents? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 26. Have we sufficient motives to the practice of virtue independent of a future state? (Decided in negative.)
- July 10. Ought Christians to approve of charity not proceeding from Christian motives? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 17. Whether is it more honourable to decline or accept of a challenge? (First alternative adopted.)

July 24. Has the union between England and Scotland been of advantage to the latter? (Decided in affirmative.)

SIXTEENTH SESSION.—1802-3.

1802.

- Dec. 11. Ought any restraints to be imposed on the liberty of the press? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 18. Can the rapid progress of Christianity be accounted for from natural causes? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 25. Does education or natural propensity tend more to form the moral character? (Second alternative adopted by casting vote of President.)

1803.

- Jan. 22. Is man a free agent? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 29. Is the state of nature a state of war? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 12. Was the Deluge universal? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 19. Can the diversities apparent in the human race be accounted for from the influence of climate? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 26. Is the law of patronage expedient? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 5. Have the sciences promoted the happiness of mankind? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 12. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 19. Will future punishments be eternal? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 26. Is the institution of the Sabbath expedient? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

- Apr. 9. Is a liturgy expedient? (Decided in affirmative.)
Apr. 16. Ought the dead languages to form an early part of education? (Decided in affirmative.)
Apr. 23. Does solitude or society tend more to improve the mind? (Second alternative unanimously adopted.)

SEVENTEENTH SESSION.—1803-4.

1803.

- Dec. 3. Whether was Christianity promoted or retarded by the ignorance of its first teachers? (First alternative adopted.)
Dec. 10. Whether is there more happiness or misery in the world? (Second alternative adopted.)
Dec. 17. Ought the theatre to be encouraged? (Decided in affirmative.)
Dec. 24. Was the burning of the Alexandrian library a fortunate or unfortunate event? (Second alternative adopted.)

1804.

- Jan. 14. Does the conversation of the women tend to improve the male sex? (Decided in affirmative.)
Jan. 21. Ought the civil magistrate to enforce the external duties of religion by penal laws? (Decided in negative.)
Jan. 28. Whether is public or private education best? (First alternative adopted.)
Feb. 4. Do the mysteries of the Christian religion form any objection to its truth? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
Feb. 11. Whether is Episcopacy or Presbyterianism the mode of Church Government more conformable to the practice of the Apostles? (Second alternative adopted.)

- Feb. 18. Is universal restoration a doctrine of Scripture? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 25. Is natural religion sufficient for salvation? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 3. Would perpetual peace promote the prosperity of a nation? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 10. Admitting the resurrection of the human species, will each person be raised with the same body that he had at his death? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 17. Are sacrifices of Divine appointment? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 24. Would the permission of polygamy increase the population of a state? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 31. Can the exportation of Negroes from Africa to the West Indies be justified on the principles of humanity? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Apr. 7. Is it inconsistent with the clerical character to hold a civil office? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

EIGHTEENTH SESSION.—1804-5.

1804.

- Dec. 1. May falsehood be allowed in any case? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 8. Whether do books or society contribute more to our improvement? (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 15. Should the marriage-ties be binding till death? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

Dec. 22. Are our natural or acquired attachments the strongest?
(First alternative adopted.)

1805.

Jan. 5. Is there more happiness or misery in the world? (Second
alternative adopted.)

Jan. 12. Is the savage or the civilised state the most happy?
(Second alternative adopted.)

Jan. 19. Are the poems of Ossian genuine? (Decided in affirmative.)

Jan. 26. Is the immortality of the soul discoverable by reason?
(Decided in negative.)

Feb. 2. Can society subsist without religion? (Decided in affirma-
tive.)

Feb. 9. Is self-interest the spring of human actions? (Decided in
negative.)

Feb. 16. Are all mankind descended from one pair? (Decided in
affirmative.)

Feb. 23. Is morality founded upon expediency? (Decided in nega-
tive.)

Mar. 2. Are we by nature more prone to vice than virtue? (De-
cided in affirmative.)

Mar. 9. Is the hypocrite or the highwayman the most dangerous
member of society? (Second alternative adopted by
casting vote of President.)

Mar. 16. Is virtue its own reward? (Decided in affirmative.)

Mar. 23. Is a state of celibacy or marriage the most happy?
(Second alternative adopted.)

Mar. 30. Ought children to be taught the principles of Christianity?
(Decided in affirmative.)

NINETEENTH SESSION.—1805-6.

1805.

- Nov. 30. Was the deluge universal? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Dec. 7. Were the Crusades of advantage to Europe? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 14. Whether are monopolies allowable in any case? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 21. Whether does hope or possession contribute more to our happiness? (Second alternative adopted.)

1806.

- Jan. 11. Can we account for the propagation of Christianity by secondary causes? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 18. Are theatrical entertainments hurtful to morality? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 25. Is duelling justifiable? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 1. Is language of human or divine origin? (First alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 8. Is the savage or the civilised state the most happy? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 15. Do we owe more to nature or education? (First alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 22. Are early marriages beneficial to mankind? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 1. Does luxury tend to promote the improvement or decline of nations? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 8. Is a public or private education preferable? (First alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 15. Ought any restraint to be laid upon the liberty of the press? (Decided in negative.)

- Mar. 22. Will the punishment of the wicked be eternal? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 29. Is the emancipation of the Roman Catholics justifiable upon the principles of sound policy? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 5. Is the impress law justifiable? (Decided in affirmative.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1806.

- May 9. Is the mind of man material? (Decided in negative.)
- May 16. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (Decided in affirmative.)
- May 23. Are our ideas of justice natural or acquired? (First alternative adopted.)
- May 30. Ought the female to have the same education as the male? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- June 6. Would a popular election of the clergy be preferable to the present mode of presenting by patronage? (Decided in negative.)
- June 20. Are all mankind of the same species? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 27. Ought the marriage-ties to be binding till death? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 4. Does polygamy or monogamy tend most to the increase of population? (Second alternative adopted.)
- July 11. Does the study of the dead languages compensate for the trouble of the acquisition of them? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 18. Is man a free agent? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 25. Is there a particular providence? (Decided in affirmative.)

TWENTIETH SESSION.—1806-7.

1806.

- Dec. 6. Is selfishness the whole spring of all human actions? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 20. Whether is a public or a private education to be preferred? (First alternative adopted.)

1807.

- Jan. 3. Is the study of mathematics prejudicial to taste and polite literature? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 10. Ought theft to be capitally punished? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 17. Are benevolent institutions of advantage to society? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 24. Is war of advantage to a country? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 14. Is duelling justifiable in any case? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 21. Ought the slave-trade to be abolished? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 28. Do we derive more pleasure from the works of nature than of art? (First alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 7. Is the savage or civilised state the more happy? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 14. Do novels tend to our improvement? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 21. Are the poems of Ossian genuine? (Decided that they are *partly* genuine.)
- Mar. 28. Would the emancipation of the Roman Catholics be a politic measure? (Decided in negative.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1807.

- May 16. Are all men sprung from one pair? (Decided in affirmative.)
- May 23. Are theatrical representations hurtful to morality? (Decided in negative.)

- May 30. Does luxury tend to the decline of nations? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 6. Do Government bounties tend to the encouragement of commerce? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 13. Ought absolute liberty to be given to the press? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 20. Was Brutus justifiable in killing Cæsar? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 27. Does the study of the dead languages compensate for the trouble of acquiring them? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 4. Whether is the town or the country life the more happy? (Second alternative adopted.)
- July 11. Is the mind of man material? (Decided in negative.)
- July 18. Ought Church and State to be connected? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 25. Is the imprisonment of debtors of advantage? (Decided in negative.)
- Aug. 1. Does polygamy or monogamy tend more to increase population? (Second alternative adopted.)

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION.—1807-8.

1807.

- Nov. 28. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (Decision not recorded.)
- Dec. 12. Is patronage preferable to popular election? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 19. Was James the Second justly expelled his kingdom? (Decided in affirmative.)

1808.

- Jan. 2. Is the practice of impressing seamen justifiable? (Decided in negative.)

- Jan. 9. Have we sufficient motives to the practice of virtue independent of a future state? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 16. Was the Church of Scotland justifiable in their late address to His Majesty concerning the Roman Catholics? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 23. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 30. Has Alexander or Bonaparte performed the greater achievements? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 6. Is man a free agent? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 13. Was Brutus justifiable in killing Cæsar? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 20. Is public or private education preferable? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 27. Is the soul immortal? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 5. Is the sense of right and wrong an original faculty? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 19. Do we owe more to education or nature? (First alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 2. Ought commissions in the army to be obtained by purchase? (Decided in negative.)
- Apr. 9. Has printing been of advantage to morality? (Decided in affirmative.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1808.

- May 21. Is war of advantage to a nation? (Decided in negative.)
- May 28. Are theatrical amusements hurtful to morality? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 11. Ought titles of honour to be hereditary? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 18. Is novel-reading of advantage? (Decided in negative.)

- July 9. Whether is the minister or the schoolmaster the more useful member of society? (First alternative adopted.)
- July 16. Is commerce of advantage to the morality of a nation? (Decided in affirmative.)
- July 23. Was Horatius justifiable in killing his sister? (Decided in negative.)

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION.—1808-9.

1808.

- Nov. 19. Has climate or government the greater influence on human character? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Nov. 26. Is the soul immortal? (Decision not recorded.)
- Dec. 3. Ought there to be any restraints on the liberty of the press? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 10. Was it justifiable in the American Colonies to throw off their dependence on the mother country? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 17. Is suicide justifiable? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 24. Do the minds of men and brutes differ in kind? (Decision not recorded.)

1809.

- Jan. 7. Was the Highland emigration advantageous to this country? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 14. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 21. Ought the Irish Catholics to be emancipated? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 28. Ought Church and State to be connected? (Decided in affirmative.)

- Feb. 4. Has the art of printing been of advantage to morality? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 11. Are Government bounties of advantage? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 18. Is the practice of impressing seamen justifiable? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 25. Ought the Government to take any concern in the Education of the poor? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 4. Is commerce of advantage to morality? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 18. Will the abolition of the slave-trade be of advantage to this country? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 25. Are the laws of primogeniture expedient? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Apr. 8. Are all mankind sprung from one pair? (Decided in affirmative.)

TWENTY-THIRD SESSION.—1809-10.

1809.

- Nov. 25. Whether is monogamy or polygamy more advantageous to society? (First alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 2. Do our errors in life arise more from prejudice or from passion? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Dec. 9. Were the Crusades of advantage to Europe? (Decision not recorded.)
- Dec. 16. Will the brutes enjoy immortality? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 23. Is the law of primogeniture expedient? (Decision not recorded.)

1810.

- Jan. 6. Are colonies of advantage to a State? (Decided in negative.)

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- Jan. 13. Is patronage or popular election preferable? (First alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 27. Ought any crime but murder to be capitally punished? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 3. Was the feudal system of advantage to Europe? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 17. Ought there to be any restriction on the corn trade? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 3. Are entails expedient? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 24. Is paper money of advantage to a nation? (Decided in affirmative.)

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION.—1810-11.

1810.

- Dec. 1. Was the Deluge universal? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 8. Is there an essential distinction between the animal and vegetable worlds? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 15. Has the French Revolution been of advantage to Europe? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 22. Has the Union been of advantage to Scotland? (Decided in affirmative.)

1811.

- Jan. 5. Has the discovery of America been of advantage to Europe? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 12. Do the advantages of a classical education compensate for the loss of time in acquiring it? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 19. Ought the Roman Catholics to be emancipated? (Decision not recorded.)
- Jan. 26. Is the pulpit or the bar the better school for eloquence? (First alternative adopted.)

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- Feb. 2. Are extensive empires favourable to liberty? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 9. Are sacrifices of divine or human origin? (First alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 16. Was Brutus justifiable in killing Cæsar? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 23. Has the revolution under James II. been of advantage to Great Britain? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 2. Ought the dead languages to form a part of female education? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 9. Are theatrical amusements hurtful to virtue? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 16. Is emigration of advantage to Great Britain? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 23. Ought truth ever to be deviated from? (Decision not recorded.)
- Mar. 30. Is a life of celibacy or of marriage the more happy? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Apr. 13. Is there an essential difference betwixt the brute and rational world? (Decided in negative.)

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION.—1811-12.

1811.

- Nov. 30. Ought emigration to be under the restriction of Government? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Dec. 7. Ought the liberty of the press to be restricted? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 14. Has the discovery of America been of advantage to Europe? (Decided in affirmative.)

Dec. 21. Has the Union between Scotland and England been of advantage to both countries? (Decided in affirmative.)

1812.

- Jan. 4. Is public or private education preferable? (First alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 11. Can the dispersion of the Jews be accounted for from natural causes? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 18. Is Atheism subversive of civil society? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 25. Ought all religious sects to be tolerated? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 8. Do the ancients excel the moderns in fine arts? (Decided in negative.)
- Feb. 15. Are sanctuaries for insolvent debtors beneficial? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 22. Is political or religious tyranny the severer scourge of mankind? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 7. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 21. Ought any crime but murder to be capitally punished? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Mar. 28. Is slavery justifiable? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Apr. 4. Is satire of advantage to morality? (Decided in affirmative.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1812.

1812.

- May 30. Is paper currency of advantage to a nation? (Decision not recorded.)

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION.—1812-13.

1812.

- Dec. 12. Are literary reviews of advantage to society? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 19. Is virtue uniformly its own reward? (Decided in negative.)

1813.

- Jan. 9. Are all mankind descended from the same pair? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 16. Is the prodigal or the miser the worse member of society? (First alternative adopted.)
- Jan. 30. Can the immortality of the soul be proved from principles of reason? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 6. Can duelling in any instance be justified? (Decided in negative with one dissentient.)
- Feb. 13. Whether are mankind happier in a savage or in a civilised state? (Second alternative adopted.)
- Feb. 20. Is the British theatre conducted in a manner favourable to the morals and intelligence of the people? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Feb. 27. Whether is a life of study or a life of manual labour productive of greater happiness? (First alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 6. Is Monarchy or Democracy the better form of government? (First alternative adopted.)
- Mar. 27. Is continual peace of advantage to a State? (Decided in negative by majority of 5.)
- Apr. 3. Whether do we derive more pleasure from contemplating the works of nature or of art? (First alternative adopted by majority of 5.)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION.—1813-14.

1813.

- Nov. 27. Is self-love the spring of all our actions? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 4. Is the pulpit or the bar the better place for the display of eloquence? (First alternative adopted with two dissentients.)
- Dec. 11. Is novel-reading injurious to morality? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 4.)
- Dec. 18. Ought clergymen to read or recite their discourses? (Second alternative adopted with two dissentients.)

1814.

- Jan. 8. Has war been of more advantage or disadvantage to the human race? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 3.)
- Jan. 15. Is the British dominion in India a justifiable establishment? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Jan. 22. Would it be expedient to prohibit gaming? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 5.)
- Feb. 5. Is public or private education preferable? (First alternative adopted by majority of 11.)
- Feb. 12. Ought parents to interfere in choosing a profession for their children? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Feb. 19. Is there more happiness or misery in the world? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 2.)
- Feb. 26. Was the discovery of America injurious to the population and industry of Spain? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)

- Mar. 5. Ought all religious sects to be tolerated? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 12. Has the love of literary or military fame tended more to call forth the exertions of genius? (First alternative adopted by majority of 6.)
- Mar. 19. Ought the liberty of the press to be unlimited? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)
- Mar. 26. Can any circumstances justify a man in throwing off his allegiance to his native country? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)
- Apr. 2. Was James II. justly expelled from the throne? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 8.)
- Apr. 9. Whether are mathematical or classical studies of greater importance? (Second alternative adopted by casting vote of President.)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION.—1814-15.

1814.

- Nov. 26. Does a literary education tend to unfit the female sex for the performance of domestic duties? (Decided in negative by majority of 10.)
- Dec. 17. Ought Church and State to be connected? (Adjourned.)

1815.

- Jan. 7. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Jan. 14. Were the Crusades of advantage to Europe? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 4.)
- Jan. 21. Have literary reviews a beneficial effect? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 5.)

- Jan. 28. Is marriage or celibacy the happier state? (First alternative adopted by majority of 16.)
- Feb. 4. Was John Knox justifiable in his treatment of Queen Mary? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 9.)
- Feb. 11. Was Queen Mary accessory to the death of Darnley? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Feb. 18. Ought any crime but murder to be capitally punished? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 25. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 11. Is the British stage conducted in a manner favourable to the morals and intelligence of the people? (Decided in negative by majority of 8.)
- Mar. 18. Was Brutus justifiable in conspiring against Cæsar? (Decided in negative by majority of 4.)
- Apr. 1. Ought the liberty of the press to be unlimited? (9-2.)

TWENTY-NINTH SESSION.—1815-16.

1815.

- Dec. 16. Is the love of praise productive of more good than what it is of bad effects? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 23. Whether do we derive more pleasure from the works of nature or of art? (15-6.)

1816.

- Jan. 13. Was Queen Elizabeth justifiable in putting to death Mary Queen of Scots? (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 20. Whether is commerce or agriculture more conducive to the interests of a State? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 27. Same subject continued. (Second alternative adopted.)

- Feb. 10. Do the advantages derived from a knowledge of the dead languages compensate for the labour and time spent in acquiring them? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 17. Ought Church and State to be connected? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 24. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Mar. 9. Do taxes fall ultimately on the labouring classes of the community? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Mar. 16. Ought there to be a permanent military establishment? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Mar. 23. Is a town or a country life the preferable? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 5.)
- Mar. 30. Is a public or a private education the preferable? (First alternative adopted by majority of 4.)

THIRTIETH SESSION.—1816-17.

1816.

- Nov. 23. Is man a free or a necessary agent? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 2.)
- Nov. 30. Whether is the schoolmaster or the minister the more useful member of society? (First alternative adopted by majority of 4.)
- Dec. 14. Were the Crusades of advantage to Europe? (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 21. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)

1817.

- Jan. 18. Is self-love the spring of all our actions? (Decided in negative by majority of 17.)

- Feb. 15. Which is the more powerful stimulus to good conduct, the laws or religion of our country? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 8.)
- Feb. 22. Is a large share of sensibility usually productive of more pleasure or pain to the possessor? (First alternative adopted by majority of 16.)
- Mar. 8. Which is the happier, a state of wedlock or celibacy? (First alternative adopted by majority of 16.)
- Mar. 15. Is it expedient that a breach of promise of marriage should be subject to the laws of one's country? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 5.)
- Mar. 22. Whether does the pulpit or the bar afford the finer field for eloquence? (First alternative adopted by majority of 9.)
- Mar. 29. Is conscience a distinct faculty of the mind? (Decided in negative by majority of 8.)

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION.—1817-18.

1817.

- Nov. 22. Is the female mind as capable of improvement in science and literature as that of the male sex? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Nov. 29. Is public disputation useful? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 19.)
- Dec. 13. Is the study of literature hostile to religion? (Decided in negative by majority of 19.)

1818.

- Jan. 10. Has the French Revolution been of advantage to Europe? (Decided in negative by majority of 13.)

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- Jan. 17. Whether has genius or industry done more to improve the arts and sciences? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 1.)
- Jan. 31. Was Brutus justifiable in killing Cæsar? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Feb. 14. Ought the law of primogeniture to be abolished? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Feb. 21. Is happiness equally distributed among the different ranks of society? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)
- Feb. 28. Is Great Britain more indebted to agriculture or commerce? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 4.)
- Mar. 28. Should capital punishment be inflicted on any but murderers? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)

THIRTY-SECOND SESSION.—1818-19.

1818.

- Nov. 28. Was John Knox justifiable in his treatment of Queen Mary? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Dec. 12. Can it be proved from the deductions of reason alone that the soul is immortal? (Decided in negative by majority of 8.)
- Dec. 19. Ought the king to have the sole power of levying war? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)

1819.

- Jan. 9. Has the Union been of advantage to Scotland? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 9.)
- Jan. 16. Whether is the single or the married life the more happy state? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 13.)
- Jan. 23. Was the parliament justifiable in beheading Charles? (Decided in negative by majority of 12.)

- Jan. 30. Were the Americans justifiable in throwing off their dependence on England? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 16.)
- Feb. 13. Does the contemplation of models of excellence tend to repress or encourage genius? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 10.)
- Feb. 20. Was Queen Mary accessory to the murder of Darnley? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Feb. 27. Were the English gentlemen at Paris justifiable in assisting the escape of Lavalette? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Mar. 13. Are public charitable institutions beneficial to society? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 20. Ought the liberty of the press to be unlimited? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION.—1819-20.

1819.

- Nov. 27. Is the power of Russia likely to prove ultimately dangerous to Great Britain? (Decided in negative by majority of 10.)
- Dec. 11. Did the ancients excel the moderns in poetry? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 18. Was Coriolanus justifiable in taking arms against his country? (Decided in negative by majority of 14.)

1820.

- Jan. 8. Ought Church and State to be connected? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 13.)
- Jan. 15. Ought any crime but murder to be capitally punished? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)

- Jan. 22. Were the other nations of Europe justifiable in their original interference with the French Revolution? (Decided in negative by majority of 9.)
- Jan. 29. Is Church patronage expedient? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 5. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Feb. 12. Was the severity exercised towards the adherents of Charles Stuart in 1745 justifiable? (Decided in negative by majority of 13.)
- Feb. 19. Were the writings of the French philosophers the principal instruments in bringing about the Revolution? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Feb. 26. Are our Asiatic territories of advantage to Great Britain? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Mar. 18. Is the Scotch law respecting irregular marriages consistent with morality and the welfare of society? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Mar. 25. Ought a Member of Parliament to vote according to his own opinion or that of his constituents? (First alternative adopted by majority of 12.)
- Apr. 1. Were the British justifiable in their attack upon Copenhagen? (Decided in negative by majority of 10.)

THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION.—1820-21.

1820.

- Nov. 25. Have the consequences of the French Revolution been upon the whole advantageous to Europe? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Dec. 9. Was Knox justifiable in his treatment of Queen Mary? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 7.)

- Dec. 16. Ought the Catholics to be emancipated? (Adjourned.)
1821.
- Jan. 6. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative by majority of 9.)
- Jan. 13. Has the feudal system been of advantage to Great Britain? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Jan. 20. Is the law by which members of the royal family can marry individuals of royal blood only, expedient? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 14.)
- Feb. 10. Were the Scottish Covenanters justifiable in their opposition to the government of Charles II.? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Feb. 17. Ought the liberty of the press in the discussion of political and religious principles to be unlimited? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 16.)
- Feb. 24. Was the substitution of septennial for triennial parliaments an expedient measure? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 3. Would the total abolition of the English poor-laws be conducive to the welfare of the community? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 14.)
- Mar. 10. Ought the existing restrictions on the importation of corn to be repealed? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Mar. 24. Is change of affection a sufficient ground for breach of promise of marriage? (Decided in negative by majority of 4.)
- Mar. 31. Would it be expedient to adopt Mr. Heathfield's plan for liquidating the national debt? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Apr. 7. Was Queen Elizabeth justifiable in her treatment of Queen Mary? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 17.)

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION.—1821-22.

1821.

- Nov. 24. Ought the right of property and the right of electing members of parliament ever to be vested in different persons in Scotch counties? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Dec. 1. Are theatrical amusements, as at present conducted in Britain, prejudicial to the interests of morality? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Dec. 8. Were the Crusades of benefit to Europe? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)
- Dec. 15. Are Scotch entails hurtful to the community? (Decided in negative by majority of 5.)

1822.

- Jan. 5. Ought the slaves in the West Indies to be emancipated? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Jan. 12. Ought one country to interfere in the internal government of another? (Decided in negative by majority of 5.)
- Jan. 19. Is a system of espionage allowable under any circumstances? (Decided in negative by majority of 8.)
- Jan. 26. Is duelling justifiable under any circumstances? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Feb. 2. Is the present extensive use of machinery in Great Britain beneficial to the country? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Feb. 9. Ought there to be a standing army? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 9.)
- Feb. 16. Is the principle of Gall and Spurzheim's theory founded in truth? (Adjourned.)

- Feb. 23. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 2. Has the Revolution of France been of advantage to that country? (Decided in negative by majority of 9.)
- Mar. 16. Are Ossian's poems authentic? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 23. Have we sufficient evidence for the existence of apparitions? (Decided in negative by majority of 4.)
- Mar. 30. Are state lotteries a proper means of raising a revenue? (Decided in negative by majority of 16.)
- Apr. 6. Whether is marriage or celibacy the happier state? (First alternative adopted by majority of 14.)

THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION.—1822-23.

1822.

- Nov. 23. Ought any crime but murder to be capitally punished? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 4.)
- Nov. 30. Is it consistent with the principles of the British constitution that placemen should have a seat in the House of Commons? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Dec. 7. Were the measures of the British Government regarding Bonaparte from the Battle of Leipsic till his death consistent with justice? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 5.)
- Dec. 14. Could the present appearances of mankind lead to the conclusion of their having sprung originally from a single pair. (Decided in affirmative.)
- Dec. 21. Is trial by jury in civil cases expedient? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 7.)

1823.

- Jan. 18. Ought judges in criminal cases to have the nomination of the jury? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Jan. 25. Are the principles of the Holy Alliance inimical to the best interests of mankind? (Decided in affirmative with one dissentient.)
- Feb. 1. Ought the Catholics to be emancipated? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 8. Same subject continued. (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Feb. 15. Ought the poor to be supported solely by voluntary contributions? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Feb. 22. Were the Americans justifiable in throwing off their allegiance to Britain? (Decided in affirmative with one dissentient.)
- Mar. 1. Are the luxuries of the higher ranks of society prejudicial to the interest of the lower orders? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 8. Is the general amount of happiness increased as society advances in civilisation? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 15. Ought the royal prerogative of dismissing officers of the army to be uncontrolled? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 22. Does change of affection justify the breach of a promise of marriage? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Mar. 29. Ought there to be a National Church Establishment? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 4.)
- Apr. 5. Would a union between the Church of Scotland and Presbyterian dissenters benefit religion? (Decided in negative by majority of 4.)

THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION.—1823-24.

1823.

- Nov. 22. Is Church patronage expedient? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Nov. 29. Is superstition or atheism more hurtful to the community? (First alternative adopted by majority of 1.)
- Dec. 13. Are theatrical representations, as at present conducted in Britain, prejudicial to the interests of morality? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Dec. 20. Ought the freedom of the press to be uncontrolled? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

1824.

- Jan. 10. Does the practice of duelling tend to ameliorate the manners of society? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Jan. 17. Are the powers vested in the Lord Advocate of Scotland expedient? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 24. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 7.)
- Jan. 31. Ought the privileges of Parliament to protect its members from the legal consequences of an attack upon the character of individuals? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 15.)
- Feb. 14. Has the restoration of the House of Bourbon been favourable to the happiness of France? (Decided in negative by majority of 5.)
- Feb. 21. Is the infliction of capital punishment the most effectual means of preventing crime? (Decided in negative by majority of 7.)

- Mar. 13. Is occasional war preferable to perpetual peace? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 20. Is the present extensive use of machinery in Great Britain beneficial to the country? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Mar. 27. Ought the Test Laws to be repealed? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Apr. 3. Is the British preferable to the American Constitution? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)

THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION.—1824-25.

1824.

- Nov. 27. Ought immediate steps to be taken to procure the gradual abolition of the slave-trade? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)
- Dec. 4. Ought the Roman Catholics to be emancipated? (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 11. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative.)

1825.

- Jan. 8. Was the conduct of Great Britain to Bonaparte subsequent to 1815 justifiable? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Jan. 15. Are critical reviews beneficial to literature? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Jan. 22. Is the connection between Church and State under any circumstances expedient? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Jan. 29. Are the doctrines of Gall and Spurzheim founded on truth? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

- Feb. 5. Whether is Great Britain in greater danger from the monarchical or the democratical branch? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 3.)
- Feb. 12. Does change of affection justify a breach of promise of marriage? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Feb. 19. Has the feudal system been of benefit to Europe? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Mar. 5. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 12. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Mar. 19. Is a gradation of rank among clergy expedient? (Decided in negative by majority of 5.)
- Mar. 26. Are septennial preferable to triennial parliaments? (Decided in negative by majority of 4.)
- Apr. 2. Ought ministers of religion to be eligible to civil offices? (Decided unanimously in negative.)

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION.—1825-26.

1825.

- Nov. 26. Is the power of Russia likely to prove dangerous to the liberties of Europe? (Decided in negative by majority of 9.)
- Dec. 3. Was it expedient to put down the Catholic Association? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 8.)
- Dec. 10. Is Church patronage expedient? (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 17. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)

1826.

- Jan. 7. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 6.)

- Jan. 14. Ought the liberty of the press in discussing political and religious subjects to be unlimited? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Jan. 21. Were the United States of North America justifiable in throwing off the British yoke? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 28. Same subject continued. (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Feb. 11. Ought any crime but murder to be punished with death? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Feb. 18. Were the proceedings of the House of Commons after the dissolution of the Coalition Ministry in 1783 inconsistent with the constitution? (Decided in negative by majority of 4.)
- Feb. 25. Was Pitt a great minister? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 4. Is the impressment of seamen justifiable? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 11. Whether is a republic or absolute monarchy most favourable to eminence in literature? (First alternative unanimously adopted.)
- Mar. 18. Does the constitution of the United States of North America contain the elements of a speedy dissolution? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 25. Ought the law of primogeniture to be abolished? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)

FORTIETH SESSION.—1826-27.

1826.

- Nov. 25. Ought the liberty of the Crown to dismiss officers from the army to be uncontrolled? (9-3).

- Dec. 2. Does phrenology tend to fatalism and materialism?
(Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Dec. 9. Was the Long Parliament justifiable in taking arms against Charles I.? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Dec. 16. Was the conduct of Great Britain to Bonaparte subsequently to his surrender in 1815 justifiable? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

1827.

- Jan. 6. Ought pluralities to be permitted? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 13. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 20. Same subject continued. (3-8.)
- Jan. 27. Is Burgh Reform necessary in Scotland? (6-2.)
- Feb. 3. Are theatrical exhibitions prejudicial to morality? (5-6.)
- Feb. 10. Is the poetry of Byron calculated to injure morality?
(5-3.)
- Feb. 17. Is absenteeism prejudicial to Ireland? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 24. Same subject continued. (5-3.)
- Mar. 10. Ought the Catholics to be emancipated? (3-3.)
- Mar. 24. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (2-5.)
- Mar. 31. Ought there to be a Church Establishment? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Apr. 7. Ought there to be a Reform in Parliament? (11-4.)

FORTY-FIRST SESSION.—1827-28.

1827.

- Nov. 24. Has the Turkish revolution been of advantage to Europe?
(5-2.)
- Dec. 1. Is novel-reading prejudicial to morality? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Dec. 8. Is the practice of duelling expedient? (4-7.)

- Dec. 15. Is the law of entail expedient? (5-6.)
 Dec. 22. Is the endowment of Universities with wealth and patronage of advantage to education? (6-1.)
- 1828.
- Jan. 12. Are the Colonial possessions of Great Britain of advantage to her? (7-2.)
 Jan. 26. Is the Scotch law of marriage consistent with the interests of society? (6-2.)
 Feb. 9. Ought the freedom of the press in the discussion of political and religious subjects to be unlimited? (Adjourned.)
 Feb. 16. Same subject continued. (4-2.)
 Mar. 1. Ought any crime except murder to be punished with death? (Debate not concluded, the Society being counted out.)
 Mar. 8. Is Church patronage expedient? (2-6.)
 Mar. 15. Were the United States of North America justifiable in throwing off their allegiance to Britain? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
 Mar. 22. Are the game-laws expedient? (3-4.)
 Mar. 29. Was Pitt a great minister? (5-2.)

FORTY-SECOND SESSION.—1828-29.

1828.

- Nov. 15. Are critical reviews beneficial to literature? (10-3.)
 Nov. 29. Ought emigration to be encouraged from Great Britain? (5-2.)
 Dec. 6. Is it advisable to encourage emigration from Great Britain? (3-4.)
 Dec. 13. Ought the liberty of the press to be extended to India? (7-5.)

1829.

- Jan. 10. Was Canning a great minister? (Adjourned.)
 Jan. 17. Same subject continued. (6-3.)
 Jan. 31. Ought the Catholics to be emancipated? (Adjourned.)
 Feb. 7. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)
 Feb. 14. Same subject continued. (7-3.)
 Feb. 21. Whether is superstition or infidelity productive of greater mischief to Society? (4-5.)
 Feb. 28. Ought there to be a National Church Establishment? (12-4.)
 Mar. 7. Is the impressment of seamen justifiable? (5-4.)
 Mar. 14. Ought unanimity to be required in the verdict of Juries? (4-5.)
 Mar. 21. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (2-5.)
 Mar. 28. Ought pluralities to be abolished? (4-3.)

FORTY-THIRD SESSION.—1829-30.

1829.

- Nov. 14. Was the Long Parliament justifiable in putting Charles I. to death? (3-4.)
 Nov. 28. Can the King's veto be practically exercised with safety to the State? (6-2.)
 Dec. 5. Was Sir Robert Walpole a great minister? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
 Dec. 12. Are theatricals injurious to morality? (2-5.)
 Dec. 19. Is the constitution of the United States of America likely to be permanent? (2-6.)

1830.

- Jan. 16. Were the ultimate effects of the French Revolution beneficial to France and Europe in general? (Decided unanimously in negative.)

- Jan. 23. Is truth a justification of libel? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Jan. 30. Are entails beneficial to the country? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Feb. 13. Ought the Catholic religion to be the established religion of Ireland? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 20. Same subject continued. (4-3.)
- Mar. 6. Is the extensive patronage of the Crown detrimental to the religious character of the establishment of the Church of Scotland? (4-3.)
- Mar. 13. Ought a renewal of the charter to be granted to the East India Company? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 20. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 27. Same subject continued. (Decided unanimously in negative.)

FORTY-FOURTH SESSION.—1830-31.

1830.

- Nov. 20. Was the conduct of British ministers in going to war with France after the breaking out of the French Revolution justifiable or politic? (4-3.)
- Dec. 4. Ought the Greek and Latin languages to form such a prominent part in the education of youth as they have hitherto done in this country? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Dec. 11. Is the immediate abolition of slavery advisable? (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 18. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)

1831.

- Jan. 8. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 15. Has the Wellington administration hitherto deserved the confidence of the country? (Decided unanimously in negative.)

- Jan. 22. Is it probable that the character of the people will be improved by the general diffusion of scientific knowledge? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Jan. 29. Would Parliament be justifiable in renewing the East India Company's exclusive charter? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Feb. 12. Was Britain justifiable in sending Bonaparte to St. Helena? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 19. Was Pitt a great minister? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Feb. 26. Ought one nation in any circumstances to interfere with the internal affairs of another? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Mar. 5. Are the usury laws of advantage to society? (Decided in negative.)
- Mar. 12. Ought Members of Parliament to be elected by ballot? (4-3.)
- Mar. 19. Is Lord John Russell's reform desirable? (1-6.)
- Mar. 26. Ought the power of the people to be increased or diminished? (4-5.)

FORTY-FIFTH SESSION.—1831-32.

1831.

- Nov. 26. Should the Roman Catholic religion be established in Ireland? (2-4)
- Dec. 3. Is Lord John Russell's reform desirable? (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 10. Same subject continued. (4-3.)

1832.

- Jan. 7. Were the Lords of the Congregation justifiable in their conduct to Queen Mary? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

- Jan. 14. Ought decided measures to be taken for putting down political unions? (5-4)
- Feb. 11. Was the Long Parliament justifiable in taking arms against Charles I.? (4-3.)
- Feb. 18. Was Pitt a great minister? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 25. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 3. Ought the tax on newspapers to be diminished? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 24. Ought any crime except murder to be punished with death? (4-5.)

FORTY-SIXTH SESSION.—1832-33.

1832.

- Nov. 17. Is Church patronage expedient? (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 24. Same subject continued. (2-9.)
- Dec. 1. Ought there to be a legal provision for the education of the lower classes? (13-1.)
- Dec. 8. Ought the West India planters to receive compensation in case of emancipation? (8-9.)
- Dec. 15. Ought Members of Parliament to be elected by ballot? (3-9.)

1833.

- Jan. 12. Is emigration advantageous to this country? (3-4.)
- Jan. 19. Has France gained by the Revolution of 1830? (6-8.)
- Jan. 26. Ought a system of poor-laws to be established in Ireland? (3-11.)
- Feb. 2. Are critical reviews beneficial to literature? (9-3.)
- Feb. 9. Does the opinion of the majority justify a fundamental change in the established Government of a country? (1-4.)

- Feb. 16. Ought classical learning to form a prominent part of the education of youth? (13-8.)
- Mar. 2. Is any connection between Church and State expedient? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 9. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 16. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 23. Same subject continued. (17-2.)
- Mar. 30. Ought Parliaments to be triennial? (4-3.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1833.

1833.

- May 18. Ought the law of primogeniture to be abolished? (Decided in negative.)
- May 25. Ought Britain to have interfered on behalf of Poland? (6-3.)
- June 1. Are our colonies of advantage to Great Britain? (Decided in affirmative.)
- June 8. Is the granting of pledges consistent with the duty of Members of Parliament? (2-4.)
- June 15. Is phrenology founded on fact? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- June 22. Has the feudal system been productive of advantage to Europe? (4-6.)
- June 29. Was Queen Mary accessory to the murder of Darnley? (4-5.)
- July 13. Ought duelling in all cases to be punishable by law? (4-2.)
- July 20. Are temperance societies likely to answer the ends they propose? (4-1.)

FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION.—1833-34

1833.

- Dec. 7. Were the Americans justifiable in throwing off their allegiance to Britain? (7-6.)
- Dec. 14. Is the distress of the working classes to be attributed to excess of population? (2-5.)
- Dec. 21. Would increased facilities in the administration of justice tend to foster a litigious disposition in the community? (3-6.)

1834

- Jan. 11. Whether is a hereditary or an elective monarchy more likely to promote the interests of a country? (First alternative unanimously adopted.)
- Jan. 18. Ought Members of Parliament to be returned by vote or ballot? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 25. Same subject continued. (7-2.)
- Feb. 1. Is phrenology founded on fact? (3-4.)
- Feb. 8. Whether does the pulpit or the bar present the better field for the exercise of eloquence? (8-3.)
- Feb. 15. Was Queen Mary accessory to the murder of Darnley? (2-4.)
- Feb. 22. Is the granting of pledges consistent with the duties of a Member of Parliament? (4-9.)
- Mar. 1. Could the employment of machinery ever be carried to such an extent as to be hurtful to the interests of the community? (2-1.)
- Mar. 15. Ought duelling in all cases to be punished? (8-2.)
- Mar. 29. Ought the colonies to be represented in Parliament? (5-3.)

- April 5. Whether was the conduct of Charles I. or that of his Parliament the chief cause of the civil war? (First alternative unanimously adopted.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1834.

1834.

- May 17. Ought impressment of seamen to be permanently relinquished by the State? (2-6.)
- May 24. Ought clergymen to be eligible to be returned to Parliament? (7-2.)
- June 7. Ought there in a free country to be any hereditary titles of rank and honour? (6-3.)
- June 14. Whether is a miser or a prodigal the worst member of Society? (4-5.)
- June 21. Ought the British Government to have interfered in behalf of Poland? (4-3.)
- June 28. Is the spread of knowledge separate from religion likely to raise the moral character of a nation? (4-3.)
- July 5. Has the State any right to apply any part of the ecclesiastical revenue to civil purposes? (1-2.)

FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION.—1834-35.

1834.

- Nov. 15. Ought Church patronage to be abolished? (4-2.)
- Nov. 22. Are dramatic representations unfavourable to morals? (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 29. Same subject continued. (7-5.)
- Dec. 6. Is any connection between Church and State expedient? (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 13. Same subject continued. (7-2.)

1835.

- Jan. 10. In case of Church patronage being abolished, ought a compensation to be given to patrons? (5-2.)
- Jan. 24. Is English literature now in a state of decline? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Jan. 31. Should capital punishment be confined to the crime of murder? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 14. Same subject continued. (4-8.)
- Feb. 21. Ought the Septennial Act to be repealed? (4-6.)
- Feb. 28. Ought truth to be considered a justification of libel? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Mar. 14. Is the existence of political parties conducive to the prosperity of the State? (7-1.)
- Mar. 28. Whether did good or evil qualities predominate in the character of Cromwell? (First alternative adopted by casting vote of President.)

FORTY-NINTH SESSION.—1835-36.

1835.

- Dec. 12. Is there reason to fear revolution from the operation of the Reform Bill? (4-2.)
- Dec. 19. Should the Catholic Church in Ireland be endowed by Government? (Decided unanimously in negative.)

1836.

- Feb. 6. Ought the taxes on newspapers to be repealed? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 13. Same subject continued. (3-4.)
- Mar. 12. Was the expedition against Copenhagen in 1807 justifiable? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Mar. 18. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES.

Can the tithes in Ireland be legally and justly appropriated by Parliament to other than Protestant ecclesiastical purposes? (23-30.)

- Mar. 19. Ought the Jews to be emancipated? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Mar. 26. Ought poor laws to be introduced into Ireland? (5-2.)

FIFTIETH SESSION.—1836-37.

1836.

- Nov. 26. Ought the Jews to be emancipated? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Dec. 10. Ought there to be a hereditary house of legislature? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

1837.

- Feb. 4. Ought the law of patronage to be abolished? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Feb. 11. Ought poor-laws to be introduced into Ireland? (6-1.)
- Feb. 14. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES.
Ought the Jews to be emancipated? (20-34.)
- Feb. 18. Was the conduct of Britain to her American colonies just and expedient? (2-4.)
- Mar. 18. Should the Catholic Church in Ireland be endowed by Government? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 25. Same subject continued. (3-4.)

FIFTY-FIRST SESSION.—1837-38.

1837.

- Dec. 2. Ought the corn-laws to be repealed? (4-3.)

1838.

- Jan. 6. Were the Crusades advantageous to Europe? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)

- Jan. 20. Ought Members of Parliament to be elected by ballot?
(Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Jan. 27. Has Queen Isabella or Don Carlos the more legitimate
right to the throne of Spain? (Second alternative
adopted by majority of 2.)
- Feb. 3. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES.
Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (19-28.)
- Feb. 17. Ought additional endowments to be granted to the Church
of Scotland? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 24. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 3. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative by
majority of 4.)
- Mar. 10. Are colonies and foreign possessions generally beneficial to
the mother country? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 17. Ought there to be a legislative provision for the poor?
(Decided in negative by majority of 2.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1838.

1838.

- May 12. Ought the bishops to be excluded from the House of
Lords? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- May 19. Is the transfer of risks in the system of marine insurance
consistent with the proper safety of life and property on
the seas? (Decided in affirmative.)

FIFTY-SECOND SESSION.—1838-39.

1838.

- Dec. 1. Was the political character of Milton entitled to appro-
bation? (Decided in the affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Dec. 8. Ought Government to promote emigration? (Decided in
negative by majority of 1.)

Dec. 15. Ought the possession of the throne to be regulated by the Salique law? (Decided in the affirmative by casting vote of President.)

1839.

Jan. 12. Whether was Bonaparte or the Duke of Wellington the greatest general? (Adjourned.)

Jan. 19. Same subject continued. (6-2.)

Feb. 2. Ought the law of patronage to be abolished? (Adjourned.)

Feb. 9. Same subject continued. (Adjourned.)

Feb. 23. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)

Mar. 8. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES.
Does phrenology afford or contain a sound system of mental philosophy? (13-40.)

Mar. 9. Whether is a Republican or a mixed form of Government, such as Britain, preferable? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 4.)

FIFTY-THIRD SESSION.—1839-40.

1839.

Nov. 23. Ought the corn-laws to be abolished? (Decided in the affirmative by a majority of 2.)

Nov. 30. Whether was the conduct of Charles I. or that of his Parliament the chief cause of the civil war? (First alternative adopted.)

Dec. 14. Was the Presbytery of Lethendie justifiable in resisting the interdict of the Court of Session? (Decided in negative.)

Dec. 21. Is the grant to Maynooth College justifiable? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)

1840.

- Jan. 11. Ought duelling in all circumstances to be punished? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Jan. 25. Was the conduct of the Allies to Marshal Ney justifiable? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 1. Same subject continued. (2-5.)
- Feb. 8. Do the classics form a good foundation for an intellectual education? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Feb. 15. Is the existence of political parties conducive to the prosperity of the State? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 5.)
- Feb. 29. Did Burns's writings improve the character of the Scottish peasantry? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Mar. 7. Is the literature of Great Britain at the present day in a state of decline? (Adjourned.)
- Mar. 14. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Mar. 28. Ought the bishops to be excluded from the House of Lords? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION.—1840-41.

1840.

- Nov. 21. Ought there to be a system of education not under the superintendence of the Established clergy? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Nov. 28. Is Paley right in denying that the moral sense is an original principle? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Dec. 5. Is there any necessary connection between intellectual and moral greatness? (Decided in negative by majority of 6.)

- Dec. 12. Have the writers of the age of Queen Anne or the last half-century made the more valuable contributions to literature? (Second alternative adopted by majority of 7.)
- Dec. 19. Has the poetry of Lord Byron an immoral tendency? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 9.)
- 1841.
- Jan. 9. Were the Presbytery of Strathbogie and others justifiable in breaking the interdict of the Court of Session? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 16. Same subject continued. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Jan. 23. Was the Parliament justified in executing King Charles? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Jan. 30. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (Decided in negative by majority of 4.)
- Feb. 6. Ought the corn-laws to be repealed? (Adjourned.)
- Feb. 13. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Feb. 20. Is the grant to Maynooth College unjustifiable? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 4.)
- Feb. 27. Does the study of classical learning hold too prominent a place in the present system of education? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Mar. 6. Are open questions in the Cabinet justifiable? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 27. OPEN MEETING. Ought there to be no legislative provision for the poor? (Decided in negative by majority of 5.)

FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION.—1841-42.

1841.

- Nov. 20. A counsel before entering upon the defence of an accused party receives from that party a confession of guilt, but notwithstanding, he pleads for an acquittal. Does such conduct involve either a breach of personal morality or of duty to the State? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Nov. 27. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Dec. 4. OPEN MEETING. Ought there to be a restriction on the trade of corn? (9-12.)
- Dec. 11. Ought Dissenters to be admitted into the English Universities? (8-4.)
- Dec. 18. Does secular education, apart from religious education, promote morality? (6-1.)

1842.

- Jan. 8. Are colonies beneficial to the mother country? (Debate not concluded, the Society being counted out.)
- Jan. 22. Ought the House of Commons to be the exclusive judge of its own privileges? (6-7.)
- Jan. 29. Ought the elective franchise to be extended? (4-5.)
- Feb. 12. Ought there to be any legislative provision for the poor? (8-1.)
- Feb. 19. Ought the Reform Bill to have passed? (5-4.)
- Feb. 26. Is the desire of posthumous fame contemptible? (1-9.)
- Mar. 12. Ought there to be a restriction on copyright? (4-3.)
- Mar. 19. Are pledges consistent with the duties of Members of Parliament? (6-7.)
- Mar. 26. Ought the Irish Church Establishment to be upheld? (6-9.)

FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION.—1842-43.

1842.

- Nov. 19. Are dramatic performances unfavourable to morals? (3-4.)
Nov. 26. Ought literary copyright to be perpetual? (4-5.)
Dec. 3. Ought the ballot to be introduced into Parliamentary elections? (2-7.)
Dec. 10. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (3-7.)
Dec. 17. Ought the Irish Church Establishment to be abolished? (7-1.)

1843.

- Jan. 14. Was the execution of Marshal Ney justifiable? (1-5.)
Jan. 21. Ought the elective franchise to be extended? (4-3.)
Jan. 28. Was the political conduct of Milton entitled to approbation? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 5.)
Feb. 4. Are revolutions in a State accomplished by force justifiable? (5-1.)
Feb. 11. Ought there to be an equality of civil privileges without regard to religious opinion? (2-4.)
Feb. 25. Was the execution of Strafford justifiable? (3-5.)
Mar. 4. Is the judicial establishment of this country in a sound and healthy state? (Decided in negative by majority of 5.)
Mar. 11. OPEN MEETING. Was the Chinese war justifiable? (7-6.)
Mar. 25. Ought the law of primogeniture to be abolished? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 4.)

FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION.—1843-44.

1843.

- Dec. 2. Ought there to be any restriction on the liberty of the press? (1-3.)

- Dec. 9. Is it lawful to take away the property of another in time of necessity? (Decided in negative.)
- Dec. 16. Ought the law of primogeniture to be abolished? (3-4)
- 1844
- Jan. 6. OPEN MEETING. Ought literary copyright to be perpetual? (6-9.)
- Jan. 13. Does the conduct of a counsel pleading the cause of a culprit from whom he has received a confession of guilt involve a breach of his duty to society? (5-4.)
- Jan. 20. Ought there to be a legal provision for the able-bodied poor? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Jan. 27. Ought there to be universal suffrage? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Feb. 10. Was Queen Mary accessory to the murder of Darnley? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Feb. 17. Ought the impressment of seamen to be prohibited? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Feb. 24. Are dramatic performances unfavourable to morality? (Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Mar. 2. Ought the present Church Establishment of Scotland to be upheld? (6-3.)
- Mar. 9. Ought the corn-laws to be abolished? (6-1.)
- Mar. 23. Is trial by jury in civil causes expedient? (6-1.)

FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION.—1844-45.

1844

- Nov. 23. Ought truth to be a justification of libel? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

- Nov. 30. Is the political conduct of Milton entitled to approbation?
(Decided in negative by majority of 3.)
- Dec. 21. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (Decision not recorded.)
- 1845.
- Jan. 11. Was the conduct of the British Government towards Denmark in 1807 justifiable? (6-2.)
- Jan. 18. Was Queen Mary accessory to the murder of Darnley? (3-10.)
- Jan. 25. Ought the distress among the labouring classes to be imputed to an excess of population? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Feb. 1. Was the execution of Charles I. justifiable? (Decision not recorded.)
- Feb. 15. Ought patronage to be abolished? (Decision not recorded.)
- Feb. 22. Ought the suffrage to be extended? (Decision not recorded.)
- Mar. 1. OPEN MEETING. Ought there to be a legal provision for the able-bodied poor? (Decided in affirmative.)
- Mar. 15. Are we justified in asserting that apparitions never were nor are seen apart from those mentioned in Revelation? (6-3.)
- Mar. 22. Ought clergymen to take part in political discussions? (6-4.)

FIFTY-NINTH SESSION.—1845-46.

1845.

- Nov. 15. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 22. Same subject continued. (5-1.)
- Nov. 29. Is the political conduct of Milton entitled to approbation?
(5-3.)

- Dec. 6. Is instinct in the lower animals and reason in man the same faculty? (Decided unanimously in negative.)
- Dec. 13. Ought the Church to be connected with the State? (6-3.)
- Dec. 20. Ought the corn-laws to be abolished? (Adjourned.)
- 1846.
- Jan. 10. Same subject continued. (4-2.)
- Jan. 17. Are we justified in asserting that apparitions never were nor are seen apart from those mentioned in Scripture? (4-2.)
- Jan. 24. Are dramatic performances unfavourable to morality? (Adjourned.)
- Jan. 31. Same debate continued. (1-6.)
- Feb. 7. Ought the Maynooth grant to be continued? (7-3.)
- Feb. 14. OPEN MEETING. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (5-8.)
- Feb. 21. Ought the legislative union between England and Ireland to be repealed? (2-5.)
- Feb. 28. Ought there to be an extension of the suffrage? (6-5.)
- Mar. 14. Was Great Britain justified in declaring war against China? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 28. Do our notions of beauty originate entirely in association? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

SIXTIETH SESSION.—1846-47.

1846.

- Nov. 21. Ought the law of entail to be abolished? (2-3.)
- Dec. 5. Are dramatic representations unfavourable to morality? (3-7.)
- Dec. 12. Ought the game-laws to be abolished? (6-5.)

1847.

- Jan. 9. OPEN MEETING. Ought railway travelling on Sunday to be permitted? (4-13.)
- Jan. 23. Ought the law of primogeniture to be abolished? (6-2.)
- Jan. 30. Ought the repeal of the Union to be conceded to Ireland? (1-5.)
- Feb. 27. Ought University tests to be abolished? (2-4.)
- Mar. 20. Can evangelical Christian denominations consistently accept an endowment? (2-3.)

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION.—1847-48.

1847.

- Nov. 13. Ought evangelical Christian denominations to accept of Government endowment? (3-2.)
- Nov. 20. Ought there to be a legislative restriction on the hours of labour? (1-2.)
- Nov. 27. Is conscience an independent faculty? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Dec. 4. Have literary men, as such, a claim on the State? (6-2.)
- Dec. 18. Is the unequal distribution of wealth an evil? (2-4.)

1848.

- Jan. 15. Ought the law of entail to be abolished? (4-1.)
- Jan. 29. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Feb. 5. Ought the elective franchise to be extended? (2-4.)
- Feb. 12. Ought phrenology to be considered as a science? (3-2.)
- Feb. 19. Ought the Colonies to have a direct representation in the British Parliament? (4-3.)
- Feb. 26. Ought the University tests to be abolished? (3-4.)

- Mar. 4. Are we justified in asserting that apparitions neither are nor have been seen apart from those mentioned in Revelation? (3-5.)
- Mar. 11. OPEN MEETING. Ought this country to establish diplomatic relations with the Pope? (9-5.)
- Mar. 18. Were the Covenanters justified in taking up arms? (6-2.)
- Mar. 25. Ought the game-laws to be repealed? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

SIXTY-SECOND SESSION.—1848-49.

1848.

- Nov. 11. Ought the House of Peers to be hereditary? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Nov. 18. Ought any class of men to be excluded from Parliament on the ground of their religious opinions? (3-4.)
- Nov. 25. Does the education of the intellect diminish crime? (3-1.)
- Dec. 2. Did Charles I. merit the punishment of death? (3-7.)
- Dec. 9. Are theatrical representations of immoral tendency? (5-6.)
- Dec. 16. Ought religion to be maintained by the State? (6-2.)

1849.

- Jan. 6. Ought Great Britain to hold diplomatic relations with the Pope? (5-3.)
- Jan. 13. Is it the duty of the State to provide a suitable education for the people? (5-2.)
- Jan. 20. Should the law of primogeniture be abolished? (5-3.)
- Jan. 27. Is total abstinence from intoxicating liquors consistent with reason? (1-4.)
- Feb. 3. Is monarchy a preferable form of government to democracy? (3-6.)
- Feb. 10. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (6-3.)

- Feb. 17. Is direct taxation preferable to indirect? (5-1.)
 Feb. 24. Ought railway travelling on Sunday to be prohibited by the Legislature? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
 Mar. 3. OPEN MEETING. Ought there to be a legislative provision for the able-bodied poor? (4-7.)
 Mar. 10. Ought there to be vote by ballot in the election of Parliamentary representatives? (7-3.)
 Mar. 24. Ought the game-laws to be abolished? (5-3.)
 Mar. 31. Are colonies beneficial to the mother country? (5-2.)

SIXTY-THIRD SESSION.—1849-50.

1849.

- Nov. 17. Ought the law of primogeniture to be abolished? (8-4.)
 Nov. 24. Did Shakespeare intend to represent Othello as naturally jealous? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
 Dec. 1. Ought the Government to endow the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland? (3-8.)
 Dec. 8. Does our perception of beauty depend on association? (5-3.)
 Dec. 15. Ought the University tests to be abolished? (7-3.)

1850.

- Jan. 5. Is the substitution of arbitration for international war practicable? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
 Jan. 12. Have apparitions never been seen apart from those mentioned in Scripture? (Decided in negative.)
 Jan. 19. Is total abstinence from intoxicating liquors a duty? (3-1.)
 Jan. 26. Ought capital punishments to be abolished? (5-7.)

- Feb. 2. Is the monarchical form of government preferable to a republic? (5-7.)
- Feb. 9. Was Queen Mary accessory to the murder of Darnley? (6-5.)
- Feb. 16. OPEN MEETING. Should secular and religious education be conjoined in national schools? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Feb. 23. Is conscience innate? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 2. Has the knowledge of vice an influence for good on the human mind? (3-7.)
- Mar. 9. Was the political conduct of Milton justifiable? (5-2.)
- Mar. 30. Is phrenology a true psychology? (2-5.)

SIXTY-FOURTH SESSION.—1850-51.

1850.

- Nov. 16. Should Great Britain abandon her colonies? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Nov. 23. Ought religion to be endowed by the State? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 6.)
- Nov. 30. Is the Malthusian theory of population tenable? (3-4.)
- Dec. 7. Ought Government to interfere with the late measures of the Pope? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 4.)
- Dec. 14. Are dramatic performances unfavourable to morality? (6-4.)

1851.

- Jan. 11. Ought the execution of criminals to be public? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
- Jan. 18. Was Parliament justified in the execution of King Charles? (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Jan. 25. Ought secular to be conjoined with religious education in national schools? (Decided in affirmative.)

- Feb. 1. Ought government to prevent the open violation of the Sabbath? (4-2.)
- Feb. 8. Ought protection to British industry to be restored? (2-5.)
- Feb. 15. Ought the House of Peers to be hereditary? (7-3.)
- Feb. 22. OPEN MEETING. Ought poor-laws to be abolished? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Mar. 1. Ought blasphemous publications to be prohibited by law? (6-2.)
- Mar. 8. Does our perception of beauty depend on association? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION.—1851-52.

1851.

- Nov. 15. Is novel-reading prejudicial to morality? (2-4.)
- Nov. 29. Can arbitration be substituted for warfare? (3-4.)
- Dec. 6. Is total abstinence a duty? (3-5.)
- Dec. 13. Is the importance of classical literature overestimated? (7-6.)
- Dec. 20. Have we an immediate knowledge of matter? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)

1852.

- Jan. 10. Has the light literature of the age a beneficial tendency? (7-5.)
- Jan. 17. Is a little knowledge a dangerous thing? (5-3.)
- Jan. 24. Has the knowledge of vice an evil tendency? (4-8.)
- Jan. 31. Ought the African squadron to be withdrawn? (7-4.)
- Feb. 7. Are morality and religion identical? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Feb. 14. Ought there to be any extension of the electoral suffrage? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
- Feb. 21. Is the study of metaphysical science beneficial? (12-1.)

- Feb. 28. Is the intellect of man superior to that of woman? (11-2.)
 Mar. 6. OPEN MEETING. Ought Lord Palmerston to have been dismissed? (13-8.)
 Mar. 13. Was the British Government justified in seizing the Danish Fleet? (10-2.)
 Mar. 20. Is intellectual culture favourable to the development of imagination? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 3.)
 Mar. 27. Ought any class of men to be excluded from Parliament on account of their religious opinions? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 5.)

SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION.—1852-53.

1852.

- Nov. 13. Ought bishops to be excluded from the House of Lords? (3-6.)
 Nov. 20. Was the Veto Act an infringement of the rights of patrons and *ultra vires* of the General Assembly? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
 Nov. 27. Is the soul always active? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1; 4 declined to vote.)
 Dec. 4. Were the Crusades generally beneficial to Europe? (5-3.)
 Dec. 18. Ought tests for admission to lay chairs at the Universities to be abolished? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)

1853.

- Jan. 8. Will the reduction of licenced public houses diminish crime? (6-4.)
 Jan. 15. Were the Covenanters justified in taking up arms against the Government? (7-3.)
 Jan. 22. Was the political conduct of Milton justifiable? (10-2.)

- Jan. 29. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (8-7.)
 Feb. 5. Are there grounds for believing in apparitions? (5-11.)
 Feb. 12. Is it lawful to retaliate an injury? (Decided in negative by majority of 1.)
 Feb. 19. OPEN MEETING. Ought the endowment of Maynooth to be withdrawn? (9-1.)
 Feb. 26. Ought Great Britain to abandon her Colonies? (2-11.)
 Mar. 5. Ought religious to be combined with secular education in national schools? (9-3.)
 Mar. 19. Were the Americans justified in taking up arms against England? (Decided in affirmative.)
 Mar. 26. Was Julius Cæsar justified in disobeying the order of the Senate? (Decided in affirmative.)

SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION.—1853-54.

1853.

- Nov. 12. Ought the Jesuits to be expelled the United Kingdom? (10-1.)
 Nov. 19. Was the *Iliad* the work of one author? (8-2.)
 Nov. 26. Does the severity of punishment tend to diminish crime? (5-4; 8 declined to vote.)
 Dec. 3. Is the present movement in defence of Scottish rights justifiable? (16-3.)
 Dec. 10. Was the career of Oliver Cromwell consistent? (8-4; 3 declined to vote.)
 Dec. 17. Does classical instruction hold too prominent a place in the present system of education? (8-14.)

1854.

- Jan. 7. Ought the parochial schools to be opened? (7-8.)

- Jan. 14. Ought the *Letters of Junius* to be ascribed to Sir Philip Francis? (10-2; 7 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 21. Ought Britain to maintain the independence of the Ottoman Empire? (14-0; 2 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 28. Ought literary copyright to be perpetual? (6-8.)
- Feb. 4. Is the historical accuracy of Herodotus to be relied on? (14-0; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 11. Ought Britain to interfere in arms in defence of foreign nations suffering persecution on the ground of their religious opinions? (7-9.)
- Feb. 18. Does the law of the conditioned sufficiently explain the principle of cause and effect? (5-4; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 25. Can the immortality of the soul be proved independently of revelation? (6-5.)
- Mar. 4. OPEN MEETING. Ought the reform contemplated by Lord John Russell's new bill to pass into law? (10-5.)
- Mar. 11. Is arbitration instead of war practicable? (5-11.)
- Mar. 25. Ought railway travelling on Sunday to be prohibited by the Legislature? (8-4.)

SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION.—1854-55.

1854

- Nov. 11. Ought there to be any alliance between Church and State? (10-1.)
- Nov. 18. Is there reason to doubt the existence of a material world? (7-4.)
- Nov. 25. Ought the Maynooth grant to be withdrawn? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

- Dec. 2. Are the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* the work of one author?
(Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 3
declined to vote.)
- Dec. 9. Has the Government conducted the war with sufficient
vigour? (7-11.)
- Dec. 16. Ought the electoral franchise to be exercised by ballot?
(1-12.)

1855.

- Jan. 6. Is pre-Raphaelitism founded on right principles? (4-3;
6 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 13. Ought there to be a legal provision for the poor? (9-3.)
- Jan. 20. Is the Foreign Enlistment Bill an advisable measure?
(Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Jan. 27. Ought there to be a law of international copyright? (11-2.)
- Feb. 3. Ought the Maine liquor law to be introduced into Britain?
(11-7; 1 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 10. Is man responsible for his belief? (10-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 17. Ought bishops to sit in Parliament? (6-12; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 24. Ought the law of primogeniture to be repealed? (8-7;
3 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 10. Was the execution of Charles I. justifiable? (12-8.)
- Mar. 17. Ought the newspaper stamp to be abolished? (8-7; 5
declined to vote.)
- Mar. 24. Should our national schools provide a religious in addition
to a secular education? (11-2; 3 declined to vote.)

SIXTY-NINTH SESSION.—1855-56.

1855.

- Nov. 17. Ought Britain to have interfered to have prevented the
dismemberment of Poland? (10-0; 8 declined to vote.)

- Nov. 24. Ought there to be legislative restrictions on the hours of labour? (12-0; 4 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 1. Ought the tutorial system to be introduced into the Scottish Universities? (13-5; 3 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 8. Is the National Association for the Vindication of Scottish Rights worthy of support? (3-6; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 15. Is it practicable to have an aristocracy of merit? (1-12; 2 declined to vote.)
- 1856.
- Jan. 5. Is English misrule the cause of Irish misery? (3-8; 2 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 12. Is total abstinence a duty in the present state of society? (7-8; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 19. Should any abolition of slavery in America only take place gradually? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President; 2 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 26. Ought patronage to be retained in the Church of Scotland? (1-11; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 2. Is the impersonal journalism of Britain preferable to the present French system? (5-5; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 9. Is the doctrine of a plurality of worlds consistent with reason? (9-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 16. Ought the office of Sheriff-Principal to be abolished in Scotland? (3-6; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 23. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY.
Ought the Maynooth grant to be withdrawn? (14-1.)
- Mar. 1. Is Hume's theory of causation correct? (0-7; 6 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 8. Did the misfortunes of our army in the Crimean campaign arise from defects in our military organisation? (8-0; 3 declined to vote.)

- Mar. 15. Should free and slave labour produce be admitted on equal terms? (4-8; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 22. Ought the Jews to be admitted into Parliament? (8-0; 2 declined to vote.)

SEVENTIETH SESSION.—1856-57.

1856.

- Nov. 15. Should Members of Parliament be paid? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Nov. 22. Is association the source of our judgments in matters of taste? (3-7.)
- Nov. 29. Ought the British Museum to be opened on Sabbath? (3-9; 1 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 6. Would universal suffrage be expedient? (4-11; 1 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 13. Is the Government of Napoleon III. worthy of British sympathy? (4-11.)
- Dec. 20. Should the system of purchase in the army be abolished? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 1 declined to vote.)

1857.

- Jan. 10. Is Macaulay's treatment of Scotland in vols. III. and IV. of his History justifiable? (4-3; 3 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 17. Is an advocate justified in defending a prisoner whom he believes to be guilty? (12-0; 4 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 24. Ought the elective franchise to be exercised by ballot? (9-3; 2 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 31. Is despotism better able to carry on a war successfully than a free government? (3-7; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 7. Ought the Episcopal Church in Ireland to be disestablished? (5-4; 2 declined to vote.)

- Feb. 14. Does philosophy result in the highest development of mind? (7-4)
- Feb. 21. Would the institution of life peerages be expedient? (9-1; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 28. Are competitive examinations calculated to secure efficient civil appointments? (6-0; 5 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 7. Is the romantic school of poetry superior to the merely natural? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 14. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY. Should the present freehold movement be supported? (4-1; 1 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1857.

1857.

- May 2. Ought minorities to be represented to Parliament? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 3 declined to vote.)
- May 9. Does Great Britain show signs of national decay? (0-5; 2 declined to vote.)
- May 16. Should the liquor traffic be restricted by legislation? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- May 23. In the conduct of missions should the exploding of superstitions precede the inculcation of Christianity? (2-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- May 30. Are separate ecclesiastical organisations essentially wrong? (Adjourned.)
- June 6. Same subject continued. (2-4.)
- June 13. Is marriage with a deceased wife's sister lawful? (4-3; 4 declined to vote.)

- June 20. Are the Church party in the south of Europe more worthy of sympathy than the liberal? (Adjourned.)
- June 27. Same subject continued. (1-4; 2 declined to vote.)
- July 4. Are actions which flow solely from natural affections virtuous? (Adjourned, and form of the question changed to)—
- July 11. Is a sense of duty the only virtuous motive? (2-3; 2 declined to vote.)

SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION.—1857-58.

1857.

- Nov. 14. Is metaphysical poetry a legitimate kind of poetry? (6-2; 2 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 21. Does the Westminster Confession of Faith realise the true idea of a creed? (1-8; 2 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 28. Should the principle of intervention be acted upon by nations? (7-1; 4 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 5. Ought the present system of secret diplomacy to be abolished? (4-5; 5 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 12. Should education be made compulsory by the State? (6-4; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 19. Have we any security for the permanence of modern civilisation? (7-3; 2 declined to vote.)

1858.

- Jan. 9. Is the existence of parties in the State favourable to the public welfare? (7-6; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 16. Can all virtues be resolved into benevolence? (1-3; 8 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 21. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Ought the Government in the present circumstances of India to

- pursue any other than a neutral policy with regard to religion? (9-11.)
- Jan. 23. Is war conducive to the welfare of the human race? (12-3; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 30. Is a despotic more likely than a free government to pursue an aggressive policy? (8-1; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 6. Is the doctrine of philosophical necessity consistent with man's responsibility? (11-2; 6 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 13. Is the doctrine of toleration founded on expediency? (5-12; 6 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 20. Is living error more injurious than dead truth? (7-6; 6 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 27. Is the mind always active? (14-4; 9 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 6. Have Church establishments retarded the growth of true religion? (7-10; 8 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 20. Did Great Britain acquire her Indian possessions by justifiable means? (3-15; 5 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 27. Are any of our dreams prophetic? (8-2; 12 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1858.

1858.

- May 1. Has civil government a right to suppress treasonable pamphlets? (5-3.)
- May 8. Is the man of genius more likely to live a happy life than the man of common parts? (5-6.)
- May 15. Would the immediate abolition of slavery in the United States materially injure the interests of that country? (7-4.)
- May 22. Is the face a general index of character? (5-0; 1 declined to vote.)

- May 29. Should the classics hold a more important place than mathematics in our grammar-schools? (8-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 5. Is the pride of superiority morally improper? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 2 declined to vote.)
- June 10. OPEN MEETING WITH THE UNION DEBATING CLUB. Is it desirable to introduce instrumental music into Presbyterian worship? (5-11.)
- June 12. Should the British Government pay no deference to caste in India? (1-3; 5 declined to vote.)
- June 19. Is the Lord Advocate's University Bill worthy of support? (5-1; 3 declined to vote.)
- June 26. Should none but those who have a property qualification be entitled to the elective franchise? (4-2; 2 declined to vote.)
- July 3. Is slavery discountenanced in Scripture? (Adjourned.)
- July 10. Same subject continued. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- July 17. Should the University patronage be transferred from the Town Council? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION.—1858-59.

1858.

- Nov. 13. Can any facts of geology warrant our affirming that the earth pre-existed by long periods of time the creation of man? (15-1; 10 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 20. Has monasticism been beneficial to European society? (11-6; 5 declined to vote.)

- Nov. 27. Is dramatic poetry the highest kind of poetry? (9-0; 15 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 4. Ought dipsomaniacs to be regarded as lunatics? (13-2; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 11. Is hereditary aristocracy more calculated to advance than to retard civilisation? (21-4; 6 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 18. Should the organ be introduced into Presbyterian Churches? (11-16; 3 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 20. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY. Ought there to be a national system of purely secular education? (13-17.)

1859.

- Jan. 8. Is the cheap literature of the present day beneficial to general morality? (13-7; 15 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 15. Have dramatic representations in public an inevitable tendency to deprave public morals? (17-10; 7 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 22. Is all connection between Church and State unjustifiable? (5-23; 3 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 29. Is the possession of her colonial dependencies necessary to the permanent greatness of Great Britain? (11-7; 7 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 5. Should prudence be regarded as a virtue? (7-6; 9 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 12. Is the present system of relieving the poor in Scotland calculated to diminish the prevalence of pauperism? (1-12; 14 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 19. Is mathematics a better gymnastic than metaphysics (4-17; 9 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 26. Ought Great Britain to shut her ports against slave-grown produce? (11-8; 11 declined to vote.)

- Mar. 5. Was the Deluge a total inundation of the earth? (3-13; 10 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 19. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Have dramatic representations in public an inevitable tendency to deprave morals? (16-5.)
- Mar. 26. Did the French Revolution affect beneficially the social interests of Europe? (7-2; 10 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1859.

1859.

- May 7. Is sarcasm a fit means of promoting truth? (5-1; 3 declined to vote.)
- May 14. Ought the British colonies to be represented in Parliament? (1-7; 1 declined to vote.)
- May 21. Is there a radical distinction between the thinking and the moral parts of our nature? (5-1; 1 declined to vote.)
- May 28. Ought the theory of the balance of power to form a consideration with Britain in taking part in Continental wars? (8-2.)
- June 4. Is a rude age more favourable than a civilised one to the production of poetry? (1-7; 3 declined to vote.)
- June 11. Have literary men, as such, a claim on the State? (4-6; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 18. Is the Pre-Raphaelite school of painting the only school founded on the true principles of art? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- June 25. Are the tendencies of the oratorio beneficial? (6-5.)
- July 2. OPEN MEETING WITH THE UNION DEBATING CLUB. Is slavery discountenanced in Scripture? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

- July 9. Is a despotic more likely than a free government to carry on war successfully? (2-4; 2 declined to vote.)
- July 16. Is the observance of the Sabbath binding on Christians by Divine command? (4-3; 1 declined to vote.)

SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION.—1859-60.

1859.

- Nov. 12. Is the abolition of war a necessary result of the advance of civilisation? (8-8; 8 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 19. Is the unconstitutional conduct of a Church court resulting in pecuniary injury to a member of the Church, a sufficient ground for his appealing for redress to the Civil power? (8-4; 14 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 26. Would the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors be an infringement on the laws of toleration? (8-10; 6 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 3. Ought the theological chairs in our Universities to be independent of denominational control? (11-9; 1 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 10. Does the systematic cultivation of the æsthetical feeling tend to promote religious devotion? (10-12; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 17. Have we reason to suppose that the planets are inhabited? (12-2; 2 declined to vote.)

1860.

- Jan. 7. Can the press ever supersede the pulpit? (2-15; 5 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 14. Are the natives of Europe justified in enforcing the opening up to commerce of the empires of China and Japan? (5-18; 7 declined to vote.)

- Jan. 19. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Is a further extension of the franchise desirable? (24-10.)
- Jan. 21. Is the direct opposition of error more effectual than the positive propagation of truth? (7-4; 6 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 28. Is a large development of commerce conducive to the true interests of a people? (11-7; 5 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 4. Is character more advantaged by social discussion than by solitary study? (10-7; 6 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 11. Is the intelligence of the lower animals the same in kind as the reason of man? (5-9; 6 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 18. Is the satisfaction of justice the sole end of punishment? (4-9; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 25. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY. Is it incompetent in a civil court to reduce an ecclesiastical sentence? (15-10; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 3. Is a union of the three great Presbyterian bodies in Scotland practicable? (2-6; 12 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 17. Were the Covenanters justified in taking up arms? (15-2; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 24. Ought criminals after undergoing their sentence to be allowed to resume their position in Society? (2-7; 7 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1860.

1860.

- May 5. Is a disestablished Church better fitted than one that is established, to promote the interests of religion? (5-3; 1 declined to vote.)

- May 12. Is the Pre-Raphaelite school of painting the only school founded on the true principles of art? (3-5; 4 declined to vote.)
- May 19. Are competitive examinations calculated to secure efficient civil appointments? (5-1; 4 declined to vote.)
- May 26. Are our judgments in matters of taste chiefly founded on association? (1-8; 3 declined to vote.)
- June 2. Does the history of literature prove that there is progress in the art of poetry? (2-1; 4 declined to vote.)
- June 9. Ought private property, in the event of war, to be as much respected at sea as it now is on land? (4-6; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 16. Is it the natural right of every man to have a voice in the management of national affairs? (4-0; 3 declined to vote.)
- June 23. Ought merit to be the only title to nobility? (3-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 30. Is the union of the three great Presbyterian bodies in Scotland desirable? (5-6.)
- July 7. Is the annexation of Savoy wholly unjustifiable? (2-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- July 12. OPEN MEETING WITH THE UNION DEBATING CLUB.
Does Louis Napoleon deserve the confidence of the people of this country? (6-8.)
- July 14. Are Conservative principles most conducive to the best interests of the country? (2-5; 1 declined to vote.)

SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION.—1860-61.

1860.

- Nov. 10. Ought trade to be absolutely free? (4-10; 5 declined to vote.)

- Nov. 17. Did the feudal system benefit Europe? (10-5; 6 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 24. Is it true historically that the progress of truth cannot be arrested by persecution? (0-11; 4 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 1. Is there in civilisation a necessary tendency to decay? (9-7; 4 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 8. Has the influence of Carlyle been beneficial? (9-3; 3 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 15. Would compulsory State education be beneficial? (13-6; 2 declined to vote.)

1861.

- Jan. 5. Ought the present system of anonymous journalism to be maintained? (14-2; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 12. Is the unanimity required of English juries conducive to the ends of justice? (3-11; 4 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 19. OPEN MEETING WITH THE HUNTERIAN MEDICAL SOCIETY.
Ought dipsomaniacs to be treated as lunatics? (13-9; 4 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 26. Are capital punishments expedient? (14-5; 1 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 2. Were the Crusades beneficial to Europe? (17-1; 6 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 9. Does the progress of science tend to narrow the sphere of poetry? (4-12; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 16. Ought Government to have any other object than the protection of society? (12-3; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 23. Are the Southern States entitled to withdraw from the American Union? (10-4; 2 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 2. Should British statesmen seek to maintain the balance of power in Europe? (8-7; 6 declined to vote.)

- Mar. 16. Should the Scottish Universities be represented in Parliament? (11-6; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 21. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Does the recent policy of the King of Sardinia merit approval? (8-10.)
- Mar. 23. Does true political progress necessarily tend to democracy? (4-8; 3 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 30. Are we entitled to reject the early history of Rome as entirely mythical? (0-9; 7 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1861.

1861.

- May 4. Are counsel justified in supporting a side which they believe to be wrong? (2-3; 7 declined to vote.)
- May 11. Is the introduction of open teaching desirable in the present state of the Scottish Universities? (4-3; 1 declined to vote.)
- May 18. Ought Britain to recognise the Confederacy of the Southern States? (1-6; 4 declined to vote.)
- May 25. Is nephalism a duty? (2-7; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 1. Should the elective franchise be further extended? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- June 15. Is the amalgamation of the Indian army with the home troops likely to conduce to the benefit of the Empire? (The Society declined to vote.)
- June 22. Ought the Maynooth grant to be unconditionally repealed? (2-7.)
- June 29. Should University residence be introduced into Scotland? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 1 declined to vote.)

- July 6. Ought government offices to be allotted by competition?
(4-0; 3 declined to vote.)
- July 13. Ought Church patronage in Scotland to be unconditionally
abolished? (3-2.)

SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION.—1861-62.

1861.

- Nov. 16. Is the possession of her dependencies necessary to the
permanent greatness of Britain? (8-2; 2 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 23. Has periodical writing deteriorated literature? (7-11; 2
declined to vote.)
- Nov. 30. Are the Chinese revolutionists worthy of British sympathy?
(5-3; 8 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 7. Has the time come for the Confederate States to be recog-
nised by the European Powers? (7-6; 1 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 14. Is man responsible for his beliefs? (5-4; 3 declined to vote.)

1862.

- Jan. 4. Is the English University system preferable on the whole to
the Scottish? (1-3; 6 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 11. Have the Highland clearances been beneficial? (2-7; 3
declined to vote.)
- Jan. 18. Ought places of amusement to be opened on Sundays?
(2-5; 5 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 25. Ought privateering to be prohibited by the law of nations?
(4-6.)
- Feb. 1. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Is the
possession of her colonial dependencies necessary to the
permanent greatness of Britain? (16-4)
- Feb. 8. Would compulsory State education be beneficial? (5-4; 2
declined to vote.)

- Feb. 15. Is the mind always active? (5-3; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 22. Ought a system of entrance examinations to be introduced in the Scottish Universities? (11-2; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 1. Ought Government to assist missionary enterprise? (8-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 7. OPEN MEETING WITH THE HUNTERIAN MEDICAL SOCIETY.
Has poetic feeling degenerated with the advance of civilisation? (18-10.)
- Mar. 8. Ought coal to be treated by the European nations as contraband of war? (6-7; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 22. Are there grounds for believing in the existence of apparitions? (2-4; 6 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 29. Is the present Government worthy of confidence? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1862.

1862.

- May 10. Has periodical writing deteriorated literature? (1-3.)
- May 24. Ought the Scottish University session to be lengthened to nine months? (3-2.)
- June 7. Should State education be purely secular? (2-1.)
- July 5. Ought the European States to recognise the Southern Confederacy? (2-3.)

SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION.—1862-63.

1862.

- Nov. 15. Should trade be absolutely free? (2-6; 4 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 22. Is a hereditary aristocracy more calculated to advance than to retard civilisation? (13-0; 8 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 29. Was the career of Oliver Cromwell consistent? (12-0; 4 declined to vote.)

- Dec. 6. Is the influence of public theatrical representations, as they now exist, beneficial? (7-6; 4 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 13. Is phrenology to be depended upon in judging of character? (5-15; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 20. Had the Jacobites reasonable grounds for rising in rebellion? (5-13; 2 declined to vote.)

1863.

- Jan. 10. Ought journalism to be anonymous? (12-3; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 12. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY. Ought females to be admitted as students of the Scottish Universities? (Decision not recorded.)
- Jan. 17. Is direct taxation preferable to indirect? (9-5; 4 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 24. Has monachism been beneficial to society? (9-7; 2 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 31. Has the time come for the introduction of a national system of education into Scotland? (11-4; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 7. Is the school of Tennyson preferable to that of Scott? (9-5; 6 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 14. Is there in modern times a tendency to democracy? (12-6; 4 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 21. Can there be a science of history? (9-4; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 28. Ought the European States to recognise the Southern Confederacy? (9-10; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 7. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Can there be a science of history? (9-7; 7 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 21. Has poetic feeling degenerated with the advance of civilisation? (3-9; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 28. Is the present Government worthy of confidence? (7-3; 2 declined to vote.)

SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION.—1863-64.

1863.

- Nov. 14. Should there be a system of compulsory State education? (10-8; 2 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 21. Is the possession of her colonial dependencies necessary to the permanent greatness of Britain? (11-8; 2 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 28. Are there grounds for doubting received opinions as to the antiquity of the human race? (6-9; 7 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 5. Have the charges against Lord Bacon been substantiated? (9-7; 5 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 12. Is utility the criterion of morality? (7-14; 3 declined to vote.)

1864.

- Jan. 9. Should females be admitted as students of our Universities? (8-17; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 15. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES.
Ought the sympathies of Britain to be with the Northern States in the present American struggle? (18-21; 4 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 16. Did Britain acquire her Indian possessions by justifiable measures? (3-9; 6 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 23. Is an extension of the Scottish University session desirable? (13-11; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 30. Ought capital punishment to be abolished? (8-13.)
- Feb. 6. Does the system of purchase conduce to the efficiency of the British army? (8-14; 1 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 13. Is the mind always active? (5-4; 4 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 20. Is clerical subscription beneficial? (11-5; 7 declined to vote.)

- Feb. 27. Ought the evidence of an infidel to be received in a court of justice? (17-4; 3 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 5. Ought entails to be abolished? (8-7; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 12. Was the establishment of the Anglican Church in Ireland a justifiable measure? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 10 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 19. Have the Highland clearances been beneficial? (7-14; 6 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 26. Is the present Government worthy of support? (10-11; 1 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1864.

1864.

- May 14. Ought the Edinburgh Botanical Gardens to be opened to the public on Sundays? (4-6; 2 declined to vote.)
- May 21. Should marriage with a deceased wife's sister be legalised? (8-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- May 28. Are the Northern States of America justified in further prolonging their conflict with the Southern States? (0-5; 2 declined to vote.)
- June 4. Ought instrumental music to be introduced into Presbyterian Churches? (6-0; 2 declined to vote.)
- June 11. Ought the State to contribute pecuniary relief to the poor? (6-3; 2 declined to vote.)
- June 18. Is the coercive principle, recognised in the 'Forbes Mackenzie Act,' consonant with sound legislative principles? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 3 declined to vote.)
- June 25. Ought journalism to be anonymous? (6-2; 3 declined to vote.)

- July 2. Ought capital punishment to be abolished? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- July 9. Ought there to be a court of appeal in criminal causes? (3-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- July 15. OPEN MEETING WITH THE UNION DEBATING CLUB. Is the present Ministry worthy of the confidence of the country? (9-5; 1 declined to vote.)
- July 23. Ought the landlords' right of hypothec, as it at present exists in Scotland, to be abolished? (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION.—1864-65.

1864.

- Nov. 12. Is counsel justified in defending a prisoner of whose guilt he is cognisant? (11-9; 1 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 19. Ought a national system of education to be purely secular? (7-15; 1 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 26. Ought the term of imprisonment in any case to be shortened on account of good conduct? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 3. Is clerical subscription, as now practised in Scotland, beneficial? (9-12; 3 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 10. Ought there to be an extension of the franchise? (7-11; 4 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 17. Is slavery the true cause of the American war? (10-6; 3 declined to vote.)

1865.

- Jan. 7. Has the influence of Thomas Carlyle been beneficial? (16-0; 5 declined to vote.)

- Jan. 14. Ought Warren Hastings to have been acquitted? (7-3; 3 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 21. Have the Highland clearances been beneficial? (6-12; 5 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 28. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Ought the court of appeal in spiritual matters to be purely ecclesiastical? (5-16; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 4. Is a science of history possible? (11-9; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 11. Is relative equality likely to prove a remedy for our political evils? (3-9; 4 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 18. Ought anonymous journalism to be abolished? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 25. Is co-operation among operatives beneficial? (5-5; 16 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 28. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Is the principle of non-intervention in foreign politics a sound one? (7-10.)
- Mar. 4. Does true political progress tend necessarily to democracy? (16-6; 2 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 11. Does the Darwinian theory appear to be founded on truth? (0-10; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 18. Has monachism benefited Europe? (12-6; 2 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 25. Is the present Government worthy of confidence? (9-6; 4 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1865.

1865.

- May 6. Ought the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens to be opened on Sundays? (2-7.)

- May 13. Ought a system of education to be denominational? (2-10.)
- May 20. Ought every person, not morally or physically disqualified, to have a vote for a Member of Parliament? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- May 27. Ought every government to profess and support a religion? (3-9; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 3. Does the progress of civilisation tend to the decay of an hereditary aristocracy? (3-7.)
- June 10. Is non-intervention a wise policy? (3-7.)
- June 17. Is Sir Walter Scott's estimate of the Covenanters correct? (2-5; 5 declined to vote.)
- June 24. Is Jeffrey's criticism of the Lake school of poetry sound? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 1 declined to vote.)
- July 1. Ought the Episcopal Church of Ireland to be disendowed? (5-2; 1 declined to vote.)
- July 8. Is the principle of electoral unions a sound one? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- July 15. Ought there to be a court of appeal in criminal cases? (3-4; 2 declined to vote.)

SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION.—1865-66.

1865.

- Nov. 11. Is every man who is not morally or physically incapacitated entitled to hold the franchise? (10-8; 2 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 18. Is Berkeley's theory of matter sound? (5-2; 8 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 25. Ought Government to interfere with the hours of labour? (8-2; 2 declined to vote.)

- Dec. 2. Are there grounds for believing in Lyell's estimate of the antiquity of man? (3-8; 7 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 9. Is there a tendency in civilisation to the disruption of Church and State? (9-7; 1 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 16. Is Scott's estimate of the Covenanters just? (4-13; 3 declined to vote.)

1866.

- Jan. 6. Ought the negroes of America to be admitted to the suffrage? (8-4; 4 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 13. Is non-intervention a wise policy? (3-9; 3 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 20. Is the theory of the Lake school of poetry correct? (9-2; 6 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 27. Ought clerical subscription as at present practised in Scotland to be continued? (2-13; 6 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 3. Ought Members of Parliament to be elected by ballot? (2-12; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 5. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY. Ought the system of the administration of justice by unpaid and unprofessional judges to be abolished? (Decision not recorded.)
- Feb. 10. Ought the tutorial system to be introduced into the Scottish Universities? (11-1; 4 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 17. Ought lay patronage in the Church of Scotland to be retained? (3-10; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 24. Ought Government to interfere to prevent Sunday trains? (4-10; 2 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 2. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Is it expedient to lower the present property qualification for the exercise of franchise to £10 in counties, and £6 in burghs? (7-14; 1 declined to vote.)

- Mar. 3. Ought Britain to retain her colonies? (12-7; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 10. Ought political enactments to be made on purely utilitarian principles (5-8; 3 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 17. Has the present discontent in Ireland been occasioned by British misrule? (4-8; 3 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 24. Is the present Government worthy of the confidence of the country? (20-6.)

EIGHTIETH SESSION.—1866-67.

1866.

- Nov. 17. Is Ruskin's theory of wealth sound? (4-2; 1 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 24. Ought Governor Eyre to be prosecuted? (6-5; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 1. Is anonymous journalism beneficial? (7-5; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 8. Is Froude's estimate of the character of Henry VIII. correct? (5-2; 5 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 15. Ought Government to take the management of the railways into its own hands? (7-3; 4 declined to vote.)

1867.

- Jan. 5. Ought extra-mural teaching to qualify for degrees in Arts in our Scottish Universities? (2-10; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 10. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Ought the Established Church of Ireland to be disendowed? (16-19.)
- Jan. 12. Ought the Scottish clergy to be allowed the use of a liturgy in public worship? (7-6; 1 declined to vote.)

- Jan. 19. Ought the system of purchase in the army to be continued? (6-5; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 26. Ought instrumental music to be allowed in the Scottish Presbyterian Churches? (8-7; 1 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 2. Ought the law of entail to be abolished? (10-5; 1 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 9. Is the conduct of the American Congress in proposing to impeach President Johnson justifiable? (6-8; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 16. Is it the function of a government to give effect to the will of a majority of the people? (5-13.)
- Feb. 23. Ought capital punishment to be abolished? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 2. Ought clerical subscription to be abolished? (6-14.)
- Mar. 9. Ought sex to be a disqualification for the exercise of the franchise? (14-1; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 16. Is utility the criterion of morality? (5-10; 2 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 23. Is the present Government unworthy of confidence? (16-7.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1867.

1867.

- May 10. Ought the sentence pronounced on Burke and Doran to be carried out? (2-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- May 17. Is the use of physical force in the propagation of opinion justifiable? (2-5; 1 declined to vote.)
- May 24. Is the present Reform Bill a satisfactory solution of the question? (2-3; 1 declined to vote.)

- May 31. Ought Mr. Mill's amendment on the Reform Bill to have been carried? (2-5; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 7. Ought the court of appeal in spiritual matters to be purely ecclesiastical? (Decided in negative by casting vote of President; 1 declined to vote.)

EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION.—1867-68.

1867.

- Nov. 16. Should the colonies send representatives to the British Parliament? (3-9; 4 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 23. Is an advocate justified in defending a prisoner of whose guilt he is cognisant? (12-10; 2 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 30. Is the system of plurality of votes expedient? (8-9; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 7. Ought the law of primogeniture to be abolished? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President; 3 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 14. Are theatrical representations prejudicial to morality? (9-8; 2 declined to vote.)

1868.

- Jan. 4. Should the court of appeal in spiritual cases be purely ecclesiastical? (5-6; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 11. Ought the game-laws to be abolished? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President; 4 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 18. Is Mr. Lowe's estimate of the relative value of a classical education correct? (8-2; 9 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 25. Ought trade unions to be declared illegal? (8-11; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 1. Ought instrumental music to be permitted in the Scotch Churches? (10-8; 5 declined to vote.)

- Feb. 8. Are the landlords responsible for the Irish discontent? (4-8; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 15. Ought the State to subsidise the Arts? (7-6; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 22. Is Carlyle's estimate of Oliver Cromwell correct? (12-6; 4 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 29. Ought sex to be a disqualification for the franchise? (10-9; 3 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 7. Is a science of history possible? (3-10; 8 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 14. Should government grants for denominational purposes be discontinued? (5-4; 11 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 21. Is the present Government worthy of confidence? (5-17; 4 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1868.

1868.

- May 19. Is the Government justified in retaining office under the present circumstances? (3-6; 1 declined to vote.)
- May 26. Is the Broad Church scheme of an establishment wise or practicable? (5-6; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 2. Does poetry decline as civilisation advances? (2-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 9. Should there be a compulsory system of State education? (6-1; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 16. Should the revenues of the Irish Church, in event of its disendowment, be applied to secular purposes? (8-2; 1 declined to vote.)
- June 23. Is an advocate morally justified in defending a prisoner of whose guilt he is cognisant? (6-3; 1 declined to vote.)

- June 30. Should capital punishment be abolished? (5-6; 2 declined to vote.)
- July 7. Should the patronage of University chairs be in the hands of private parties? (2-5; 4 declined to vote.)
- July 14. Should trades unions be declared illegal? (3-6.)

EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION.—1868-69.

1868.

- Nov. 14. Is the consumption of luxuries by the rich beneficial to the producing classes? (7-3; 9 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 21. Is Mr. Mill's scheme for the solution of the Irish question practicable? (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 28. Same subject continued. (4-12; 4 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 5. Is utility the criterion of morality? (8-13; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 12. Ought ladies to receive a University education? (6-8; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 19. That trial by jury in civil cases should be abolished. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

1869.

- Jan. 9. That capital punishment should be abolished. (6-11; 5 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 16. That vote by ballot is preferable to open voting. (8-7; 1 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 23. That a limited monarchy is the best form of government. (6-4.)
- Jan. 30. That education should be compulsory. (18-4.)
- Feb. 6. That Sir Walter Scott's estimate of the Covenanters is incorrect. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

- Feb. 13. That Mormonism has not been beneficial to the United States. (12-1.)
- Feb. 20. That the system of purchase in the army should be abolished. (13-4; 3 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 27. That the laws of England and Scotland should not be reduced to one system. Amendment: That without committing itself to the total assimilation of the laws of England and Scotland, the Society finds that there are superior points in each which might with advantage be extended to the other. (4-12.)
- Mar. 6. That Fenianism is chiefly due to maladministration on the part of England. (11-4.)
- Mar. 13. That the principle of indiscriminate endowments is defensible. (13-2; 3 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 20. That the present Government is worthy of the confidence of the country. (18-1; 2 declined to vote.)

SUMMER SESSION.—1869.

1869.

- May 18. That the denominational system of education is preferable to that proposed in the Government Education Bill. (3-1; 2 declined to vote.)
- June 1. That State Churches are justifiable: Amendment: That the action of State Churches has tended towards persecution in the past, and that they have shown little or no diminution of these tendencies in the present day. (Adjourned.)
- June 8. Same subject continued. Second amendment: That in present circumstances State Churches are not justifiable. (Second amendment carried by 5-2.)

EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION.—1869-70.

1869.

- Nov. 13. That there should be one University for Scotland. (3-10.)
- Nov. 20. That the union between Church and State ought to be retained. (Adjourned.)
- Nov. 27. Same subject continued. (7-6; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 4. That classics at present holds too prominent a position in education. (6-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 11. That the second empire has proved beneficial to France. (5-3; 12 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 18. That the coronation oath ought to involve no profession of religious faith. (6-8; 1 declined to vote.)

1870.

- Jan. 8. That the election of Professors should be vested in the University Council. Amendment: That the appointment of Professors in the four faculties should be vested in committees to be named by the University Council. (1-9.)
- Jan. 15. That there ought to be a national system of education. Amendment: That the present denominational system ought to be retained and improved. (7-4; 3 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 22. That the court of appeal in spiritual cases ought to be ecclesiastical. (1-9; 3 declined to vote.)
- Jan. 29. That the present representation of Edinburgh is unsatisfactory. (16-4; 1 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 5. That in the event of the law of patronage being abolished in the Church of Scotland, no compensation ought to be given to the Free Church. (8-2; 5 declined to vote.)

- Feb. 12. That an advocate is never morally justified in refusing a case. (2-5.)
- Feb. 19. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY. Ought there to be a national system of compulsory education? (7-2 ; 2 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 5. That a Permissive Bill is called for in the interests of morality. Amendment : That a Permissive Bill is unfitted to remedy the evils complained of. (3-7 ; 1 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 12. That Britain was justified in recognising the Southern States as belligerent. (8-1 ; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 19. That the present Government is unworthy of confidence. (6-3 ; 1 declined to vote.)

EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION.—1870-71.

1870.

- Nov. 12. That manhood suffrage ought to be the basis of Parliamentary representation. (4-8 ; 1 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 19. That University chairs ought to be obtained by competition. (4-6 ; 2 declined to vote.)
- Nov. 26. That the medical education of women is likely to benefit the country. (8-5.)
- Dec. 3. That the forms of clerical subscription be relaxed. Amendment : That instead of relaxing the forms of clerical subscription, it would conduce more to freedom of religious thought and order at the same time that this confession be revised. (Adjourned.)
- Dec. 10. Same subject continued. Second amendment : That the necessities of the time demand a large modification of the present confession, but, at the same time, that,

with a view to independent thought, the forms of subscription should be relaxed. (Second amendment carried by 4-1.)

Dec. 17. That a republic is the best form of government. Amendment: That the principles of rule represented by the British constitution give the best form of government. (6-2.)

1871.

Jan. 7. That there should be a national system of compulsory education. (6-2.)

Jan. 21. That Irish discontent will never be removed by conciliatory legislation. (2-4.)

Jan. 28. That the House of Lords should be abolished. Amendment: That the House ought to be reformed by eliminating the hereditary element from it. (2-3.)

Feb. 4. That the tendency of ballot-voting is demoralising. (4-3.)

Feb. 11. That Government should take the management of the railways. Amendment: That Government should obtain possession of the railways. (Amendment carried by casting vote of President.)

Feb. 18. That the consolidation of Germany would be beneficial to Europe. (4-3.)

Feb. 25. That the Darwinian theory of the origin of species is untenable. Amendment: That in the present circumstances, the Darwinian theory may be accepted as a very probable hypothesis. (7-3.)

Feb. 28. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Should the House of Lords, as a legislative body, be abolished? (6-11; 5 declined to vote.)

Mar. 11. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY. Ought the law of entail to be abolished? (6-4.)

- Mar. 18. That the Prussian system of army organisation ought to be adopted by this country. Amendment: That Mr. Cardwell's system ought to be approved of. (3-6.)
- Mar. 25. That the present Government is unworthy of confidence. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION.—1871-72.

1871.

- Nov. 18. That religious teaching be excluded from the national schools. (2-4.)
- Dec. 2. That reason is confined to man. (1-4; 1 declined to vote.)

1872.

- Jan. 6. That University degrees should be attainable without attendance on classes. Amendment: That the Society, while recognising the utility of the London degrees, thinks there is a superior value in degrees conferred after attendance on classes. (4-3.)
- Mar. 9. That the present Government is worthy of confidence. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION.—1872-73.

1872.

- Nov. 23. That the Geneva arbitration is a success. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Dec. 7. That the United States of America are destined to become the greatest country in the world. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

Dec. 14. That the principle of total abstinence is correct. (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)

1873.

Jan. 4. That the classics occupy too prominent a position in education. (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)

Jan. 11. Ought the Church of Scotland to be disestablished? (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)

Jan. 21. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Should women be admitted to study medicine with a view to graduation? (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

Feb. 1. That poetry has had more influence for good than prose history. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

Feb. 11. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. That constitutional monarchy, as existing in Great Britain, is a better form of government than republicanism, as existing in America. (19-3.)

Feb. 15. That University degrees ought to be attainable without attendance on classes. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

Feb. 22. That the novel is on the whole beneficial to society. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

Mar. 8. That moral progress increases with the increase of mental and material progress. (3-1.)

Mar. 15. That the Crusades have had a beneficial effect on mankind. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION.—1873-74.

1874.

- Jan. 10. That conscience is capable of being educated. (Decided in negative by majority of 2.)
- Jan. 17. That the State should provide for the higher education. (Decided in affirmative by majority of 2.)
- Jan. 24. That copyright should be perpetual. (Decided in negative.)
- Jan. 31. That the dissolution of Parliament at the present time is expedient. (Decided in affirmative by majority of 1.)
- Mar. 21. That patronage should be abolished. (3-1; 1 declined to vote.)

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION.—1874-75.

1874.

- Dec. 19. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Was the present Government justified in organising the Ashantee expedition? (14-7.)

1875.

- Jan. 16. That Bismarck's ecclesiastical policy is justifiable. (2-3.)
- Jan. 21. That the colonies ought to be represented in Parliament. (2-3.)
- Jan. 29. That the tendency of competitive examinations is beneficial. (4-0; 2 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 5. That the people of London are more provincial than those of the provinces. (2-1.)
- Feb. 12. That museums ought to be opened on Sundays. (3-2.)
- Feb. 19. That the income-tax ought to be abolished. (4-1.)

- Mar. 5. That constitutional monarchy in England is preferable to republicanism. (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)
- Mar. 12. That the present Government is unworthy of confidence. (Decided unanimously in affirmative.)

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION.—1875-76.

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NINETIETH SESSION.—1876-77.

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1877.

- Jan. 16. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Are the phenomena of spiritualism due to supernatural agency? (3-10.)

NINETY-FIRST SESSION.—1877-78.

1877.

- Dec. 20. That Russia was justified in declaring war against Turkey. (8-9; 1 declined to vote.)

1878.

- Jan. 10. That the present exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy is unsatisfactory. (8-12.)
- Jan. 17. That the present State Churches should be disestablished and disendowed. (9-8.)
- Jan. 31. That the election of the Lord Rector should be purely on literary or scientific grounds. (12-11.)

- Feb. 7. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Does morality increase with civilisation? (3-7; 8 declined to vote.)
- Feb. 21. That poetry declines as science advances. (2-12.)
- Mar. 14. That there are opinions with the publication of which the State may justly interfere. (7-3; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 21. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (4-7; several declined to vote.)

NINETY-SECOND SESSION.—1878-79.

1878.

- Nov. 14. That politics should not be discussed in University societies. (4-10.)
- Nov. 21. That there should be State endowment for research. (8-10.)
- Nov. 28. That military education should be compulsory in Great Britain. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Dec. 12. That the present system of competitive examination is prejudicial to intellectual development. (11-7.)
- Dec. 19. That the Afghan policy of the Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (5-12.)

1879.

- Jan. 14. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. That the foreign policy of the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (7-17.)
- Jan. 16. That reason is confined to man. (4-10.)
- Jan. 23. That the learned professions should be open to women. (8-10.)

- Jan. 30. That there are no sufficient grounds for believing in the permanence of modern civilisation. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Feb. 13. That territorial aggression by a nation can never be justified on grounds of morality. (3-6.)
- Feb. 20. That a protectionist policy would be injurious to the commercial interests of Great Britain. (10-3.)
- Feb. 27. That standing armies are conducive to the maintenance of peace. (11-7.)
- Mar. 13. That the principles of the Permissive Bill deserve the support of the community. (8-7.)
- Mar. 20. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (7-9.)

NINETY-THIRD SESSION.—1879-80.

1879.

- Nov. 13. That the power of Great Britain is on the decline. (4-22.)
- Nov. 20. That war is beneficial to the human race. (10-6.)
- Nov. 27. That museums and picture galleries should be opened on Sundays. (8-12.)
- Dec. 11. That speculative utilitarianism is prejudicial to practical morality. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Dec. 18. That there should be a central Medical examining board for the United Kingdom. (4-13.)

1880.

- Jan. 15. That a system of national education should be entirely secular. (7-13.)
- Jan. 20. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES.
That Britain ought to annex Afghanistan. (9-19.)

- Jan. 22. That trades unions are beneficial to the working classes. (6-15.)
- Jan. 29. That residence should be necessary for electoral qualification. (9-7.)
- Feb. 12. That the Darwinian theory is tenable as a scientific hypothesis. (6-12.)
- Feb. 19. That the law of primogeniture should be abolished. (10-9.)
- Feb. 26. That the executive government should be under the immediate control of Parliament. Amendment: That in the opinion of this Society the present system of government is in every way satisfactory. (Direct negative carried by 11-4.)
- Mar. 11. That the feudal system has been of advantage to Europe. (6-3.)
- Mar. 18. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (10-7.)

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION.—1880-81.

1880.

- Nov. 11. That the election of Lord Rector should be on political grounds. (6-8.)
- Nov. 18. That classics occupies too prominent a position in education. (5-12.)
- Nov. 25. That the present restrictions on theological chairs in Scottish Universities should be abolished. (10-5 ; 2 declined to vote.)
- Dec. 9. That vivisection is justifiable and necessary in the interests of science and humanity. (12-5.)
- Dec. 16. That there are sufficient grounds, apart from Revelation, for believing in the immortality of the soul. (9-7.)

1881.

- Jan. 13. That the demand for an inquiry into Home Rule should not be granted. (6-11.)
- Jan. 27. That temperance is in present circumstances a higher form of morality than total abstinence. (8-9.)
- Feb. 10. That manhood suffrage should be the aim of all electoral reform. (5-11.)
- Feb. 17. That government by party is injurious to a nation's interests. (6-7.)
- Feb. 24. That Great Britain should take steps to restrict the opium trade in the East. (11-9.)
- Mar. 10. That attendance at University classes should not be necessary for obtaining the M.A. degree in Scottish Universities. (5-10.)
- Mar. 17. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (7-11.)

NINETY-FIFTH SESSION.—1881-82.

1881.

- Nov. 10. That the theatre in Great Britain should receive State support. (8-9.)
- Nov. 17. That there should be no hereditary house of legislature in this country. (10-8.)
- Nov. 24. There are circumstances in which falsehood is justifiable. (12-8.)
- Dec. 8. That a theory of evolution is preferable to that of the creation of individual species. (8-10.)
- Dec. 15. That a republic is the best form of government. (9-18.)
- Dec. 22. That the formation of a class of peasant proprietors should be encouraged by Government. (8-14.)

- 1882.
- Jan. 12. That trial by jury should be suspended in criminal cases in Ireland. (12-8.)
- Jan. 16. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Was the policy of the present Government with respect to the Transvaal consistent with British interests? (14-18.)
- Jan. 19. That a limited Home Rule should be granted alike to England, Scotland, and Ireland. (12-16.)
- Jan. 26. That morality is possible to men in general without belief in a future state. (12-16.)
- Feb. 9. That a system of protection is injurious to the interests of a nation. (16-1.)
- Feb. 16. That the general influence of fiction at the present day is injurious. (13-7.)
- Feb. 23. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SCOTS LAW SOCIETY. That the advance of science is prejudicial to the growth of poetry. (10-14.)
- Mar. 9. That there are circumstances in which expediency should determine a nation's action. (3-14 ; 4 declined to vote.)
- Mar. 16. That the franchise should be extended to women. (8-10.)
- Mar. 23. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country? (8-14.)

NINETY-SIXTH SESSION.—1882-83.

- 1882.
- Nov. 9. That the Scottish Universities should be reformed on the model of those of Germany. Amendment:—That in the opinion of this House there is great need for reform of the Scottish University system, but that such reform

should be in the lines of the existing constitution of the University, and not after the model of any foreign institutions. (5-22.)

- Nov. 16. That the House of Commons, without reference to the other estates, has power to alter the constitution. (15-14.)
- Nov. 23. That superstition is more prejudicial to society than scepticism. (10-13.)
- Nov. 30. That the granting of Home Rule to Ireland would be of benefit to that country and to the Empire. (11-15.)
- Dec. 14. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. That arbitration is preferable to war as a means for settling international disputes. (21-19.)
- Dec. 21. That the realistic school of painting and sculpture is more in accordance with the true principles of art than the ideal school. (11-10.)

1883.

- Jan. 16. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Is there now any fundamental difference between the two great political parties? (24-22.)
- Jan. 25. That the colonies should be more definitely recognised as an inherent part of the British Empire. (11-7.)
- Feb. 8. That the Scottish Highlands are being seriously injured by the present increase of deer forests. (15-9.)
- Feb. 22. That the subjectivity of modern poetry indicates a decay of imaginative power. (3-13.)
- Mar. 8. That the course of Scottish history has been more influenced by the clan system than by the feudal. (9-8.)
- Mar. 15. That the standard of moral excellence for actions should be the ultimate good of humanity. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)

Mar. 22. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (8-17.)

NINETY-SEVENTH SESSION.—1883-84.

1883.

Nov. 15. That the nationalisation of the land should be the ultimate end of all land reform. (7-13.)

Nov. 22. That the foreign policy of Cromwell was to the advantage of Great Britain. (20-5.)

Nov. 29. That the marriage law of Scotland is preferable to that of England. Amendment: That the present marriage law in both countries is quite unsatisfactory. (9-7.)

Dec. 11. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Can the problem of the proper housing of the poor be effectually solved by other means than by private enterprise? (31-10.)

Dec. 20. That a system of national compulsory insurance would be for the benefit of this country. (5-11.)

1884.

Jan. 16. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Should the next Reform Bill include household suffrage for Ireland? (18-19.)

Jan. 24. That there are sufficient grounds for believing in ghosts. (9-13.)

Jan. 31. That Walt Whitman is a great poet. Amendment: That the Society, while impressed with the importance of Walt Whitman's writings, does not see its way to pronounce on the question before it. (8-13.)

Feb. 14. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. That perpetual pensions should be abolished. Amendment:

That perpetual pensions should be abolished, and that a Royal Commission, composed of unprejudiced persons, be appointed to make a searching inquiry into the civil and pensions lists, with a view to making a considerable reduction in the national expenditure in that direction. (Direct negative carried by 13-10.)

- Feb. 21. That the influence of Mr. Carlyle on English thought has been on the whole for good. (17-5.)
- Feb. 28. That it is for the interests of education in Scotland that Gaelic be taught in the primary schools in the Highlands. (15-9.)
- Mar. 13. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (9-15.)

NINETY-EIGHTH SESSION.—1884-85.

1884.

- Nov. 13. That the system of co-operation proposed by Socialists is preferable to the present system of commercial competition. (7-16.)
- Nov. 20. That proportional representation should be the principle on which any re-distribution bill should be framed. (9-14.)
- Nov. 27. That the short service system is detrimental to the efficiency of the British army. (12-16.)
- Dec. 11. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. That it is expedient in the present circumstances that the British Government should annex Egypt. (12-30.)
- Dec. 18. That anonymous writing in public periodicals should be prohibited by law. (3-12.)

1885.

- Jan. 15. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES.
That it is desirable and practicable that the colonies should be represented in an Imperial parliament. (29-12.)
- Jan. 22. That *laissez faire* is the true principle of government. (7-12.)
- Jan. 29. That the great development of newspaper literature has been injurious to modern culture. (8-12.)
- Feb. 19. That the foreign policy of Pitt retarded the advance of civilisation in Europe. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Feb. 26. That the institution of a society on the model of the French Academy would be beneficial to the culture of this country. (11-9.)
- Mar. 12. That Lord Clive's treatment of the native princes of India was justifiable in the circumstances. (17-5.)
- Mar. 19. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country.
Amendment.—That this House, while refraining from expressing a want of confidence in Her Majesty's Government, disapproves of the continuance of military operations in the Soudan. (Direct negative carried by 15-9.)

NINETY-NINTH SESSION.—1885-86.

1885.

- Nov. 12. That extra-mural teaching should be recognised in all faculties of the University. (10-11.)
- Nov. 19. That existing social distress can best be remedied by State-assisted emigration. (9-8.)
- Nov. 26. That society journalism is pernicious in its tendency. (10-8.)
- Dec. 10. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Should

the control of the liquor traffic be placed in the hands of the ratepayers? (20-14.)

Dec. 17. That Mr. Chamberlain's system of allotments would be beneficial to this country. (13-8.)

1886.

Jan. 14. That the influence which France exercised on Scottish affairs during the 15th and 16th centuries, was beneficial to Scotland. (11-2.)

Jan. 18. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Should the present tendency to State interference with individual liberty of action be discouraged? (15-11.)

Jan. 28. That the present strength of the navy is inadequate to protect the interests of the Empire. (7-11.)

Feb. 11. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. That no measure for the pacification of Ireland will be satisfactory which does not grant legislative independence to the people of that country. (18-19.)

Feb. 18. That religious belief is natural to the human mind. (9-1; 5 declined to vote.)

Feb. 25. That the State should now provide free elementary education. (7-15.)

Mar. 11. That the theatre should receive State support in this country. (3-7.)

Mar. 18. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country.

Amendment.—That this House do suspend its judgment on the present Government till Mr. Gladstone's scheme for the pacification of Ireland is before Parliament and the country. (Direct negative carried by 12-7; 3 declined to vote.)

HUNDREDTH SESSION.—1886-87.

1886.

- Nov. 11. That the Universities should not be represented in Parliament. (Decided in negative by casting vote of President.)
- Nov. 18. That the true relation between Church and State is one of independence. (14-8.)
- Nov. 25. That the Sonnets of Shakespeare are the record of a genuine personal experience. (Decided in affirmative by casting vote of President.)
- Dec. 9. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. That any measure of local self-government granted to Ireland should apply equally to England and Scotland. (12-26.)
- Dec. 16. That in times of commercial depression it is the duty of Government to institute Public Works. (10-14.)

1887.

- Jan. 18. GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES. Is Home Rule for Scotland desirable? (10-20.)
- Jan. 27. That the scientific tendency of the age is opposed to the development of art. (8-16.)
- Feb. 8. OPEN MEETING WITH THE DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY. Would a system of peasant proprietorship be good for the Highlands of Scotland?
- Amendment.—That the present distress in the Highlands will be best remedied by a system of State-aided emigration. (Direct negative carried by 23-9.)

- Feb. 17. That the Republican Government in France has proved beneficial to that country. (4-6.)
- Feb. 24. That the system of co-operative trading is unjust to private enterprise. (3-11.)
- Mar. 10. That the advance of literature and culture is retarded by modern fiction. (3-7.)
- Mar. 17. That the present Government is unworthy of the confidence of the country. (11-7; 3 declined to vote.)



LIST OF MEMBERS.

The present List has been compiled anew from the Minutes, although in tracing the subsequent career of Members, some assistance has been derived from previous lists prepared at different times by Committees of the Society. The Essays read in the Society are given under the names of the Authors. In explanation of the fact that the same subject was treated by various Members, it may be stated that it was the custom at one time for the Society to prescribe a subject on which several Members were expected to write. The offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Delegate are indicated by their initial letters, affixed to the names of Members who filled them.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

1. HECTOR CAMERON.

ADMITTED 1787-8.
HONORARY Oct. 26, 1793.

Minister of the Associate (Burgher)
Church at Moffat. Died 1805.

ESSAYS :

The Divine Holiness.
The Eloquence of the Pulpit and the
Bar.
The Character of Cornelius, the Roman
Centurion.
The Prophetic Allegory of Scripture.

2. WILLIAM STODDART.

ADMITTED 1787-8.
RESIGNED Nov. 28, 1789.

3. JOHN RICHARDSON.

ADMITTED 1787-8.
HONORARY May 16, 1795.

Minister of the Associate (Burgher) Church
at Freuchie, Fife. Died 1837.

ESSAYS :

Imitation ; The Character of Mary Queen
of Scots ; Matthew xix. 27, 28 ;
Imitation ; Galatians iii. 23 ; Charity ;
The Patriarch Jacob ; *Inaugural
Address*, 1794.

4. JOHN WILSON. P.

ADMITTED 1787-8.
HONORARY Jan. 10, 1795.

A native of Ireland. Student of the
Associate (Burgher) Hall in 1792.
Afterwards Teacher of Elocution in
Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

Compassion ; Slander ; Elocution ; Re-
form of the British Government ;
Reflections on the Death of some
Eminent Men ; Emphasis ; The Quali-
fications of an Orator ; Speculative
Societies ; The Action of an Orator ;
Valedictory Address, 1794 ; Oratory ;
The Passions ; *Introductory Address*,
1796 ; Suicide ; Criticism ; Observa-
tions on Taste.

5. ALEXANDER MACDOUGALL.

ADMITTED 1787-8.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

6. JAMES METHVEN. S.

ADMITTED 1787-8.
HONORARY Dec. 31, 1796.

Minister of the General Associate (Anti-

Burgher Church at Balmullo, Co. par,
afterwards at Stewarton. Died 1840.

ESSAYS :

*Toleration ; Moral Appraisal ; Civil
Establishments of Religion ; 1 John iv.
17 ; Romans vii. 4 ; Philippians ii. 3 ;
Romans vi. 23 ; Original Sin ; Acts xvii.
30 ; Romans vi. 23 ; Toleration ;
Original Sin ; Introductory Address on
Philippians ii. 3, 1795 ; Judicial Law
of the Jews ; The Propriety of Creeds
as tests of Orthodoxy ; Romans xvi.
6-9.*

7. THOMAS METHVEN.

ADMITTED 1787-8.

HONORARY Dec. 19, 1795.

ESSAYS :

*Philosophy ; Human Life ; Philippians
ii. 1 5 ; Meditation ; Moral Obligation ;
Connection between Natural and
Revealed Religion ; The Social Pro-
pensity ; Original Sin ; Valedictory
Address, 1795 ; The Connection between
Natural and Revealed Religion ; The
Religion of the Brahmans.*

8. JAMES TWEEDIE.

ADMITTED 1787-8

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

9. PETER MACDOUGALL.

ADMITTED 1787-8.

HONORARY Feb. 23, 1791.

The first Honorary Member of the
Society.

10. HENRY OLIPHANT.

ADMITTED 1787-8.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Student of the Associate (Burgher) Hall
in 1790. Relinquished his studies,
and went to the West Indies, where
he died.

11. PETER MACFARLANE.

ADMITTED Oct. 3, 1789.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

12. GEORGE WIGTON.

ADMITTED Oct. 3, 1789.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Associate (Burgher) Church
at Liff, Dundee. Afterwards medical
practitioner in Edinburgh. Died
1849.

13. JAMES PEARSON.

ADMITTED Oct. 31, 1789.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Colossians ii. 2.

14. NATHANIEL MARTIN.

ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1789.

DEATH NOTICED IN MINUTE OF 28TH
APRIL 1792.

15. JAMES CARMICHAEL.

ADMITTED Dec. 26, 1789.

DEATH NOTICED IN MINUTE OF 28TH
APRIL 1792.

16. FOREST FREW.

ADMITTED Feb. 13, 1790.

HONORARY July 29, 1797.

Minister of the Relief Church, first at
Ceres, then in Perth. Died 1842.

17. DUNCAN FORBES.

ADMITTED Feb. 13, 1790.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

18. JAMES BAXTER.

ADMITTED May 8, 1790.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

The Improvement of Time.

19. JOHN THOM. S.

ADMITTED Sept. 18, 1790.
HONORARY May 16, 1795.

ESSAYS :

The Wisdom of God displayed in the Creation ; Sympathy ; Showing that the African Slave Trade is repugnant to the Feelings of Humanity ; Peter, the Apostle ; Conception ; John xiv. 1-3 ; Charity ; 2 Corinthians viii. 12 ; The Mysteries of Christianity ; *Valedictory Address*, 1797.

20. DANIEL CAMPBELL.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1790.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

21. ALEXANDER MACFARLANE.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1790.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Crathie and Braemar. Died 1840.

ESSAY :

The Existence of God.

22. JAMES MAXWELL COCKBURN.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1790.
HONORARY Jan. 10, 1795.

Student of Divinity. Death noticed in Minute of 14th March 1795.

ESSAYS :

Adversity ; Honesty ; Showing that the Ceremonial Law was abrogated by the Introduction of the Gospel ; Repentance ; John xiv. 15 ; 2 Corinthians xvi. 22 ; Luke xvi. 19 *et seq.* ; Brotherly Love ; Psalm cxxxiii. 1 ; Revelation iii. 21 ; Christianity ; Psalm xxxvii. 37.

23. DANIEL FERGUSON.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1790.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

24. WILLIAM GEULLEN.

ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1790.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS :

Joy ; The Uses of the Olympian Games ; The Immortality of the Soul ; Benevolence ; Psalm xxiv. ; The Attributes of God ; 1 Thessalonians v. 16 ; Romans iv. 24.

25. JAMES BRYCE.

ADMITTED Jan. 15, 1791.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Associate (Antiburgher) Church at Wick, afterwards at Killraig, Coleraine. Died 1857.

ESSAYS :

Our Saviour's Prophetical Office.
Regeneration.
Christ's Example.
Psalm i.
Our obligations to imitate Christ's example.

26. DONALD FRASER. S.

ADMITTED 1791.
HONORARY Oct. 19, 1793.

D.D., Minister of the United Secession Church, at Kennoway. Died 1841.
Author of *Lives of the Erskines* and other works.

ESSAYS :

Compassion.
In refutation of the Arguments drawn from Scripture in Favour of West Indian Slavery.
Exposition of Romans vi. 1-4.
John xv. 1.

27. EBENEZER CORNWALL.

ADMITTED May 28, 1791.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Attention.

28. ROBERT FORREST.

ADMITTED Jan. 28, 1792.
HONORARY July 8, 1797.

Minister of the Associate (Burgher) Church at Saltcoats; then of a Presbyterian Church in New York, and afterwards at Stamford, Delaware, U.S.A. Died 1846.

ESSAYS :

Moral Approbation.
The Moral Government of God.

29. ROBERT MACGREGOR.

ADMITTED Feb. 11, 1792.
RESIGNED May 12, 1792.

Minister of Kilmuir. Died 1846.

30. HENRY FRASER.

ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1792.
HONORARY Jan. 11, 1794.

M.D., Minister of the Associate (Burgher) Church, at Saltcoats. Resigned his charge nine months after ordination, for which he was deposed. Changed his name to Dewar on coming into possession of the estate of Lassodie, as heir of entail. Afterwards surgeon in the army and lecturer on medicine in Edinburgh. Died 1823.

ESSAYS :

Bribery.
The Phenomena of the Human Mind in Early Life.
Education.
Innovation.
Philanthropy.
The Love of Truth.

31. JOHN STEWART.

ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1792.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

D.D., Minister of the Associate (Burgher) Church at Pitcairn, afterwards in Liverpool. Died 1840.

ESSAYS :

True Virtue.
Human Testimony.
Imagination.

32. THOMAS HENDERSON.

ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1792.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Commerce.

33. JOHN CRAIG.

ADMITTED Jan. 12, 1793.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Avonbridge. Died 1851.

34. GILBERT BROWN.

ADMITTED Jan. 12, 1793.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Newbyth, afterwards of the Free Church of Scotland there.

35. WILLIAM WIGHTMAN.

ADMITTED Jan. 19, 1793.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Justice.

36. JAMES LAURIE. S.

ADMITTED Jan. 19, 1793.
HONORARY Dec. 2, 1797.

D.D., Minister of a Presbyterian Church in Washington, U.S.A. Died 1853.

ESSAYS :

Human Life; Attention; Matthew i. 21;
Liberty and Necessity; Human Life;
Liberty and Necessity; Isaiah i. 19;
Matthew xii. 22-27; *Valedictory Address*, 1796; Psalm cxxv.

37. ROBERT BALLANTINE.

ADMITTED Oct. 12, 1793.
HONORARY Jan. 27, 1798.

Student of the Associate (Burgher) Hall. Died while a probationer.

- ESSAYS :**
 John i. 1 ; Contentment ; Desire ; The Origin of Articulate Language ; Duelling ; A Future State ; The Ancient Religion of the Romans ; The Atonement of Christ.
38. **THOMAS COULSTON.**
 ADMITTED JAN. 11, 1794.
 HONORARY JUNE 6, 1795.
 Minister of Penicuik. Died 1829.
ESSAY :
 The Adjective Noun.
39. **GEORGE URQUHART.**
 ADMITTED JAN. 11, 1794.
 HONORARY APRIL 30, 1796.
ESSAYS :
 The Natural Distinctions between Body and Mind.
 Insufficiency of the Light of Nature to discover the Way of Salvation.
 Colossians iii. 4.
 Repentance.
40. **DAVID RINTOUL. P.**
 ADMITTED APRIL 26, 1794.
 HONORARY OCT. 21, 1797.
ESSAYS :
 Sincerity.
 Patience.
 Psalm xxiii.
Inaugural Address, 1797.
41. **HENRY LAURIE.**
 ADMITTED APRIL 26, 1794.
 HONORARY OCT. 21, 1797.
 Minister of Lochmaben. Died 1808.
ESSAYS :
 Diligence ; Equanimity ; Revelation vii. 14 ; The Advantages of Revelation ; The Origin of Sacrifice ; The History of Arminianism ; *Inaugural Address*, 1798.
42. **WILLIAM GARDNER. S.P.**
 ADMITTED APRIL 26, 1794.
 HONORARY FEB. 24, 1798.
ESSAYS :
 The Tendency of Virtue to produce Happiness ; The Moral Faculty ; Probation ; Original Sin ; Pulpit Eloquence ; The Resurrection of the Body ; The Moral Government of the Deity ; The Being and Attributes of God ; The Inspiration of the Scriptures ; Psalm xxiii. ; The Connection between Natural and Revealed Religion ; Disputation ; 1 Corinthians xvi. 22 ; The Necessity of a Revelation ; Argumentation ; *Valedictory Address*, 1799 ; The Origin and Progress of Arminianism ; War ; The Saltness of the Ocean ; Gratitude.
43. **WILLIAM RITCHIE.**
 ADMITTED APRIL 26, 1794.
 HONORARY DEC. 30, 1797.
 Minister of Athelstaneford. Editor of Marshall's *Gospel Mystery of Sanctification*. Died 1846.
ESSAYS :
 Testimony ; Proofs of a Future State from the Light of Nature ; Moral Obligations ; Testimony ; The Immortality of the Soul ; Psalm xxiv. ; The State of Mankind from Cyrus to Alexander the Great ; Charity ; Sketch of the Life and Character of the late Principal Robertson, with Critical Remarks on his Works ; The Character of the Arabians ; Happiness ; *Valedictory Address*, 1798.
44. **JOHN CLARK.**
 ADMITTED APRIL 26, 1794.
 HONORARY DEC. 26, 1795.
 M.A., Chaplain to the Sierra Leone Company.

ESSAYS :

Free Agency.
Improvement.

45. WILLIAM HUME.

ADMITTED July 12, 1794.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Missionary from the Associate (Anti-burgher) Church to America in 1800; afterwards Minister of a Presbyterian Church at Nashville, Kentucky, U.S.A.

ESSAYS :

Taste.
Temperance.
The Sublime.
Epic Poetry.
Psalm xxiv.
Providence.

46. WILLIAM GORDON.

ADMITTED July 26, 1794.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Communication.

47. WILLIAM SPANKIE. S.P.

ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1794.
HONORARY Nov. 24, 1798.

Son of the Rev. T. Spankie, Minister of Falkland. Died in early life.

ESSAYS :

Attention ; The Immortality of the Soul ; Hope ; The Sublime ; The Causes of the Decline of Empires ; The State of Man between the Creation and the Flood ; The State of Man from Moses till the Destruction of Troy ; The State of Man from the Destruction of Troy till the Building of Rome ; The State of Man from the Building of Rome till Cyrus ; The State of Man from Cyrus to Alexander the Great ; The State of Man from Alexander the Great to Julius Cæsar ; History ; Hints upon

Natural Religion ; The Religion of the Brahmans ; The Origin and Progress of Priestcraft ; Prejudice ; The Causes of Infidelity ; The French Revolution ; Miracles ; Hints on the History of the Female Sex ; Slavery ; A Comparative View of the Stoic and Epicurean Philosophy ; The Mohammedan Religion ; War.

48. JOHN CAMPBELL.

ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1794.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Associate (Burgher) Church, at Tarbolton. Died 1848.

ESSAYS :

Happiness ; Psalm viii. ; Death ; Polytheism ; Galatians vi. 8 ; 1 Corinthians xv. 58 ; The Eternity of Punishments in Hell.

49. GEORGE WISHART.

ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1795.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS :

The Resurrection of the same Body.
Our Duty to God.
Matthew v. 14-17.
Our Duties to Society.

50. DAVID WATSON. P.

ADMITTED Feb. 14, 1795.
HONORARY June 9, 1798.

Minister of Leuchars. Died 1866.

ESSAYS :

Imitation ; Curiosity ; The Fine Arts ; Attention ; Matthew iv. 1-12 ; The Moral Government of the Deity ; Beauty and Deformity ; Romans xiv. 17 ; The Immortality of the Soul ; Isaiah liiii. 1 ; Vulgar Prejudices ; The Constitution and Condition of Man ;

An Inquiry into the Nature of the Devil; The Reality of Moral Distinctions; The Study of the Human Mind; The Immortality of the Soul; Pride and Vanity; Extempore Speaking; What are the Grounds of our Faith in Testimony?; Is there Ground for believing that the Soul can subsist independent of the Body?; The Resurrection of Christ; *Valedictory Address*, 1800; The Difference between Venous and Arterial Blood; The Corruption of Human Nature; Should Pride or Humility be more encouraged?; The Causes of Relaxation in Virtue; Love and Esteem.

51. WALTER G. STEWART.

ADMITTED Feb. 28, 1795.

HONORARY Jan. 18, 1806.

ESSAYS:

Friendship.
Happiness.
Fortitude.

52. ROBERT LAURIE. P.

ADMITTED Mar. 14, 1795.

HONORARY Feb. 5, 1820.

Went to North America. Was made Honorary Member in 1820, at his special request.

ESSAYS:

The Advantages of Accurate Thinking.
Happiness.
The Existence of a God.
Providence.

53. JAMES PILLANS.

ADMITTED April 18, 1795.

HONORARY June 9, 1798.

M.A., LL.D., Rector of the High School of Edinburgh 1810; Professor of

Humanity in the University of Edinburgh, 1820. Died 1864. Author of various works on education and classical subjects.

ESSAYS:

Memory; The Sublime; The Difference between Epic Poetry and History; The Future Progress of Man; The Influence of the Atmosphere on the Human Constitution; The Causes of Atheism; The Inequalities of Genius; Meteors; The Liberty of the Press; The Excess of Temperance; The Nature and Cause of the Change effected in Limestone by Burning; Why does Ice float upon Water?; Why is the Temperature of deep Lakes at the Surface and Bottom nearly equal in Winter, and considerably different in Summer?; The real Value of Personal Beauty to the Fair Sex in the present State of Society; Why the Barometer indicates a greater Pressure of incumbent Air at the Commencement of a long Drought than a short while before it rains; Why Snow and Ice are so long in melting after a Thaw; Why insular and maritime Situations are more uniform in temperature than inland; *Introductory Address*, 1800.

54. ROBERT YOUNG. S.

ADMITTED April 18, 1795.

HONORARY Mar. 2, 1799.

ESSAYS:

The Association of Ideas; Cheerfulness; Beauty and Deformity; The Being and Attributes of God; Matthew v. 3-5; Poetry; Solitude; Love; Pulpit Eloquence; Poem on the Scenery around Dalkeith; The Road to Excellence; Rhapsody on Excellence.

55. **DAVID SCOTT.**
 ADMITTED April 25, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Castleton, Dumfries. Died 1822.
 ESSAYS :
 The Resurrection of our Saviour.
 Church Government.
56. **THOMAS SHILLINGLAW.**
 ADMITTED April 25, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
57. **DAVID BAXTER.**
 ADMITTED April 25, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., Minister of Lilliesleaf. Died 1842.
58. **JOHN GALBRAITH.**
 ADMITTED Aug. 8, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
59. **ALEXANDER DAVIDSON.**
 ADMITTED Aug. 15, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of the Associate (Antiburgher) Hall. Refused Licence because he was totally blind. Afterwards public Lecturer on Chemistry. Died 1826.
 ESSAY :
 A Future State.
60. **JAMES MITCHELL.**
 ADMITTED Aug. 15, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of the Associate (Burgher) Hall. Died while a student.
 ESSAY :
 Attention.
61. **JOHN BURRELL.**
 ADMITTED Oct. 3, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., Minister of Westruther, Lauder; afterwards of the Second Charge, Cupar. Died 1842.
- ESSAYS :
 Emulation.
 Beauty and Deformity.
 Error, an Allegory.
 Benevolence.
62. **JOHN BROOKS.**
 ADMITTED Oct. 3, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 The Sun and the Properties of Light.
63. **WILLIAM M'KENZIE.**
 ADMITTED Oct. 24, 1795.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Of Muirton. Writer to the Signet, 1803. Died 1856. He was accorded the privileges of membership 'with a dispensation' in return for writing the diploma.
64. **JAMES LAING.**
 ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1795.
 RESIGNED Jan. 30, 1796.
 Solicitor-at-Law, Edinburgh, 1796.
65. **ALEXANDER BUCHANAN.**
 ADMITTED Feb. 20, 1796.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 Galatians ii. 11.
66. **ROBERT STEVENSON. P.**
 ADMITTED Mar. 19, 1796.
 HONORARY July 20, 1799.
 F.R.S.E., Civil Engineer. Engineer to the Commissioners for the Northern Lights. Designer of the Bell Rock Lighthouse and other well-known Engineering Works. Died 1850.
 ESSAYS :
 The State of Man from Alexander the Great to Julius Cæsar; Imagination; Hebrews xi. 5; The Planetary Sys-

- tem ; The Scenery near Penicuik ; Meteors ; The Progress of the Arts among Savages ; The Tides ; The Comparative Genius of Animals ; Curiosity.
67. WILLIAM BUCKHAM.
ADMITTED April 9, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Student of the Associate (Burgher) Hall. Afterwards Surgeon R.N. Died at sea.
68. GEORGE BUCHANAN.
ADMITTED April 16, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Civil Engineer, Edinburgh.
69. ROBERT MACGREGOR.
ADMITTED April 16, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
70. ADAM DICKSON.
ADMITTED April 30, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
71. ALEXANDER ROBERTSON.
ADMITTED May 21, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
POEM :
The Emigrant.
72. JAMES SMELLIE.
ADMITTED May 21, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of St. Andrews, Orkney ; afterwards of the Free Church of Scotland there. Died 1853.
ESSAY :
Memory.
73. JOHN NOBLE.
ADMITTED May 21, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Teacher of Mathematics, Edinburgh.
74. ANDREW MYLNE. P.
ADMITTED June 25, 1796.
HONORARY April 3, 1802.
D.D., Minister of Dollar, and Principal of Dollar Institution. Died 1856.
ESSAYS :
The Propriety of Ecclesiastical Establishments ; The Pleasures and Advantages of the Cultivation of the Human Mind ; The Religious Education of Youth ; Education ; Some of the Objections against Christianity ; Why Bodily Deformity is in General accompanied with Conceit ; The Use of Snow on the Tops of High Mountains ; Astronomy ; Evaporation ; The Moral Government of the Universe ; The Causes of Increasing Cold as we ascend in the Atmosphere ; Thunder ; Combustion ; Germination ; Bleaching ; *Valedictory Address*, 1801 ; The Atmosphere ; Light ; Dyeing ; The Comparative View of Combustible Bodies ; The Effect of the Law of Patronage on the Mind of the Student of Divinity.
75. ROBERT BURTON.
ADMITTED June 25, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
76. JAMES ROBSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of the Associate (Burgher) Church at Lochwinnoch ; afterwards of a Presbyterian Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then at Pictou. Died 1838.
ESSAYS :
The Advantages which resulted to Greece from the Celebration of the Olympic Games.
The Origin of Religion among the Heathens.

77. DAVID BEATSON. S.P.

ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS:

Revelation; The Benevolence of the Deity; The Superiority of the Moderns over the Ancients in Experimental Philosophy; Emigration; Intolerance; The Value and Investigation of Character; Standing Armies; *Inaugural Address*, 1799; Why Bodily Deformity is, in general, accompanied with Conceit; Why Men are more offended at being charged with Intellectual than with Moral Imperfections; Why is the Temperature of Deep Lakes at the Surface and Bottom nearly equal in Winter and considerably different in Summer?; The Moral Evils of Deformity; Is the Agency of Mind necessary in every Natural Event?; Why a Picture often pleases more than the Reality.

78. JONAS ASPLIN.

ADMITTED Dec. 31, 1796.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

79. JOHN THOMSON, JUNR. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 14, 1797.
HONORARY April 13, 1803.

Minister of Maxton. Died 1865.

ESSAYS:

The Sufficiency of Reason for Salvation.
The Changes which took place in the Character of the Jews at the Babylonish Captivity.
The Distribution of Heat and Cold on the Surface of the Earth.

80. CHARLES WILSON.

ADMITTED Feb. 11, 1797.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Solicitor-at-Law, Edinburgh, 1799.

ESSAY:

The Sense of Beauty derived from a Contemplation of Natural Objects.

81. JOHN THOMSON, SENR.

ADMITTED Feb. 25, 1797.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

82. JAMES TRAQUAIR.

ADMITTED April 1, 1797.
HONORARY March 16, 1805.

Minister of Rhynd. Died 1844.

ESSAYS:

The Faculties of Man contrasted with the Instinct of the Brutes; Ambition; The Advantages arising from the Annual and Diurnal Revolutions of the Earth; Wealth; The Nature of the Christian Religion; Providence; The Pursuit of Happiness; Resignation.

83. ROBERT ROBERTSON.

ADMITTED May 27, 1797.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Student of the Associate (Antiburgher) Hall, afterwards one of the Editors of *The Times*.

ESSAY:

The Origin of the Pleasures of Taste.

84. JOHN RAMSAY. P.

ADMITTED July 8, 1797.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.A. For some time Tutor to Henry Clay, the American statesman. Minister of Ormiston, afterwards of Gladsmuir. Died 1871.

ESSAYS:

Attention; Gaming; Happiness; The Moral Sense; The Advantages attending the Study of the Mechanical Philosophy; Monastic Institutions; The Influence of Manners on the Poetry of Homer, Virgil, and Milton; Heathen Mythology; What are the Grounds of our Faith in Testimony?

85. NICOL DASAUVILLE.

ADMITTED Nov. 11, 1797.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Dentist, Edinburgh.

86. ANTHONY HEDLEY. S.

ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1797.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Of Woodburn, Northumberland, and
Rector of Hexham.

ESSAYS :

Imagination.
Remissness in Epistolary Correspondence.
The Future Improvement of Man.
Sin.
The Mysteries contained in Revelation.
The Cause of Never-ceasing Frost in the Superior Regions of the Atmosphere.

87. JOHN MACCULLOCH. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1797.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Parliamentary Reporter, London.

ESSAYS :

The External Evidences of Christianity;
The Philosophy of History; The Present and Future State of Man; The Influences which the Fear of Consequences has had in retarding the Progress of Knowledge; Popular Discontents; The Immortality of the Soul; Scandals; The Rights of Man, his Abuse of these Rights, and the Infringements of them.

88. ANDREW THOMSON.

ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1797.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

D.D., Minister of St. George's, Edinburgh. Died 1831. An able Theologian, one of the most eloquent

preachers of his time, and an earnest advocate of the abolition of slavery.

ESSAYS :

Slavery.
Observations on the Character of Brutus.

89. ADAM ROBERTSON. S.P.

ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1797.
HONORARY April 16, 1803.

Medallist of the Society, 1807. M.D.,
Minister of Kirkinner. Died 1812.

ESSAYS :

Taste; The Origin and Influence of Religion; A Comparison between Christianity and Mohammedanism; The Nature of Pity; Rhapsody on Gratitude; The Savage State; Practical Consequences of Atheism; The Laws and Policy of Ancient Egypt; Liberty and Necessity; Spinoza's System; The Lovers: a Poem; The Existence of the Deity; Providence; The Unity and Benevolence of God; The Immortality of the Soul; A few additional Reflections on Providence; The Foundation of Morality; *Inaugural Address*, 1801; The Origin of Evil; The Probability of Future Punishment; Prayer; The Atonement; The Religion of the Brahmans; The Religion of China; The Religion of the Ancient Persians; The Religion of Ancient Egypt; Prejudice; The Religion of Scandinavia; The Life and Writings of Ovid; The Life and Religion of Mahomet; The Religion of the Druids; The Creation; The Mosaic Account of the Fall; The Deluge; Scepticism; The Antediluvian Period; The Jewish Religion; The Internal Evidences of Christianity; Prophecy

90. JOHN BLACK. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 23, 1797.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Editor of *The Morning Chronicle*. Author
 of *Life of Tasso*, etc.
 ESSAYS :
 Licentiousness ; The History of Scepti-
 cism ; Miracles as a Proof of Revela-
 tion ; The Analogy of Man with Plants ;
 The Causes which tend to limit the
 Increase of Glaciers ; The Bad Effects
 of drinking Spirituous Liquors ; Aurora
 Borealis ; The Analogy between Vege-
 table and Animal Substances ; Dyeing ;
 The Analysis of Mineral Waters.
91. WILLIAM LEE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 23, 1797.
 RESIGNED Jan. 19, 1799.
 Minister of the United Presbyterian
 Church, at Horndean, Berwickshire.
 Died 1854.
 ESSAYS :
 Fashion.
 Suicide.
92. THOMAS MILLER.
 ADMITTED Dec. 23, 1797.
 RESIGNED Nov. 24, 1798.
 Minister of Torryburn. Died 1828.
93. SAMUEL LAING.
 ADMITTED Dec. 30, 1797.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 The Influence of Manners on Poetry.
94. ARCHIBALD LIVINGSTON.
 ADMITTED Jan. 27, 1798.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Cambusnethan. Died 1852.
 ESSAY :
 The Influence of Climate on National
 Character.
95. ANDREW MERCER.
 ADMITTED May 19, 1798.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 Remarks on some Nervous Phenomena.
96. JOHN MITCHELL.
 ADMITTED July 28, 1798.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D., Minister of Largo, and afterwards
 Professor of Divinity, St. Mary's
 College, St. Andrews. Died 1835.
 ESSAYS :
 The Excellence of the Greek Language.
 The Usefulness of Mathematical Learn-
 ing.
 The Rise and Progress of the Fine Arts
 in Greece.
 The Causes which induced Mankind to
 denominate their Deities tyrannical.
97. JOSEPH JOHNSTON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1798.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAYS :
 Hope.
 The Immortality of the Soul.
98. MATTHEW IRVING.
 ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1798.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 D.D., Canon of Rochester, Chaplain to
 the Queen and Vicar of Sturminster
 Marshall, Dorset. Died 1857.
 ESSAYS :
 Is Imagination the Chief Source of our
 Happiness and Misery ?
 History.
99. JOHN THOMSON, JUNR.
 ADMITTED Jan. 12, 1799.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 H.R.S.A., Minister of Dailly, and after-
 wards of Duddingston. 'A sensible
 preacher, an ingenious mechanic, an

- accomplished musician, and highly distinguished as a landscape painter.'
Died 1840.
- ESSAY :
The Poems of Orpheus.
100. JAMES SIMSON.
ADMITTED June 22, 1799.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Advocate, 1801. Died 1853. Author of
The Philosophy of Education.
- ESSAYS :
The Immortality of the Soul.
Ambition.
Imagination.
101. JOHN HALKETT.
ADMITTED Jan. 4, 1800.
RESIGNED Dec. 6, 1800.
Minister of Coupar-Angus. Died 1828.
- ESSAY :
The Goodness of God.
102. JOSEPH PURDIE.
ADMITTED Jan. 11, 1800.
HONORARY Mar. 16, 1805.
Minister of the Relief Church, first at
Wilsontown, then at Pittenweem.
Resigned 1824.
- ESSAYS :
The Abridgment of Labour.
The Being of a God.
Introductory Address, 1802.
The Difference between the Jews and the
Samaritans.
The Messiahship of Christ.
Introductory Address, 1806.
103. JOSIAH STEWART. S.
ADMITTED Feb. 8, 1800.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
- ESSAYS :
Why Men are more offended at being
charged with Intellectual than Moral
Imperfections.
The Improvement of Man.
104. ANDREW TULLY. S.P.
ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1800.
HONORARY Mar. 16, 1811.
- ESSAYS :
The Importance of Education; Mimickry;
Simplicity in Writing; Blindness; Is
Vanity the Chief Spring of Human
Actions?; Is Imagination the Chief
Source of our Happiness and Misery?;
Is Conscience an original Faculty?; The
Pleasures arising from the Contemplation
of Scenes of Distress; The Necessary
Connection between Principle and
Practice; *Valedictory Address*, 1802;
Virtue and Moral Obligation; Personal
Identity; The Advantages of conveying
Instruction by Parables, as practised by
our Lord; The Advantages of attend-
ing Public Worship; Intemperance;
The Inspiration of the Scriptures; An
Attempt to reconcile Apparent Evils
with the Perfections of the Deity.
105. WILLIAM GULLEN.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1800.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
- ESSAY :
Liberty.
106. JOHN TAYLOR.
ADMITTED Dec. 27, 1800.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Student of the Associate (Antiburgher)
Hall.
- ESSAYS :
The Formation of Rain.
Affinity.
Circulation of the Blood.
107. THOMAS LOCKERBY. S.
ADMITTED Dec. 27, 1800.
HONORARY Mar. 30, 1805.
Minister of Cadder, near Glasgow. Died
1851.

ESSAYS :

The Immateriality of the Soul; The Passions; Religion; Miracles; The Rise, the Nature, and Effects of the Synagogue Service of the Jews; Dueling; *Valedictory Address*, 1803; The Adaptation of the Gospel to the Condition of Human Nature; Miracles as a Proof of Divine Revelation; The Original Depravity of Human Nature; The Satisfaction of Christ.

108. GEORGE STORY.

ADMITTED Dec. 27, 1800.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Liberty and Necessity.

109. WILLIAM WILSON.

ADMITTED Dec. 27, 1800.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

The Improvement of Time.

110. JOHN FLEMING.

ADMITTED Jan. 31, 1801.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

D.D., Minister of Clackmannan; then Professor of Natural Philosophy, King's College Aberdeen; afterwards Professor of Natural History, New College, Edinburgh. Died 1857.

ESSAY :

Man.

111. GEORGE JOHNSTON.

ADMITTED Feb. 14, 1801.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

112. THOMAS INGLIS.

ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1801.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

D.D., Minister of Lochrutton, Dumfries. Died 1860.

ESSAYS :

The Existence of the Deity.
The Resurrection of Christ.
The Pleasures of Remembrance.
Political Duties.
The Sanction of the Gospel Morality.
Valedictory Address, 1804.

113. ALEXANDER WELSH.

ADMITTED Jan. 23, 1802.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Heriot, afterwards of Cranstoun. Died 1859.

114. JOHN CLARK.

ADMITTED Feb. 20, 1802.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Blackford. Died 1861.

ESSAY :

The Religion of the Druids.

115. JAMES MURRAY.

ADMITTED Mar. 6, 1802.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS :

The Spartan Government.
The Origin of Tragedy.
A Comparative View of Happiness between a Civilised and an Uncivilised State.
Drummond's Translation of Persius.

116. JAMES JARDINE.

ADMITTED Mar. 20, 1802.
RESIGNED Jan. 12, 1805.

Civil Engineer, Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

The Tides.
The Cause of Long- and Short-sightedness.
The Use of the Thermometer.
The Barometer.
Balloons.

117. JOHN GORDON.
 ADMITTED April 17, 1802.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 Superstition and Sacrifices.
118. JOHN CAMPBELL.
 ADMITTED June 5, 1802.
 RESIGNED Nov. 30, 1805.
 Minister of Selkirk. Died 1857.
 ESSAYS :
 The Necessity of the Christian Revelation.
Introductory Address, 1804.
119. JAMES COLTART. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 22, 1803.
 RESIGNED Dec. 2, 1809.
 Minister of Fintry, Aberdeen. Died 1840.
 ESSAYS :
 The Difficulties attending the Study of
 Logic.
 Luke xiii. 1 and 2.
120. THOMAS GILLESPIE. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 22, 1803.
 HONORARY Mar. 8, 1806.
 LL.D., Minister of Cults; afterwards
 Professor of Humanity, United College
 of St. Salvator and St. Leonard, Uni-
 versity of St. Andrews. Died 1844.
 ESSAYS :
 Attention.
 The Roman Senate.
 Cairns.
Valedictory Address, 1805.
 The Changes which the Crusades pro-
 duced on the State of Europe.
121. DAVID HAINING. P.
 ADMITTED Feb. 12, 1803.
 RESIGNED April 12, 1806.
 Rector of Dunkeld Academy.
 ESSAYS :
 Conception.
 Testimony.
122. ADAM M'CHEYNE.
 ADMITTED Feb. 12, 1803.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Writer to the Signet, 1814. Died 1854.
 ESSAY :
 Imagination.
123. JAMES HAMILTON.
 ADMITTED Jan. 14, 1804.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of New Abbey, Dumfries. Died
 1858.
 ESSAYS :
 Comets.
 The Supernatural Judgments of God in
 the Patriarchal Ages.
124. DAVID JARDINE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 14, 1804.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 Imagination.
125. MATTHEW LITTLE.
 ADMITTED Feb. 18, 1804.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 The Olympic Games.
126. WILLIAM SMITH. S.P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1804.
 HONORARY Mar. 14, 1807.
 ESSAYS :
 Patriotism.
Introductory Address, 1805.
 Early Attachments.
127. WILLIAM PROUDFOOT. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1804.
 HONORARY Feb. 18, 1809.
 Minister of Strathaven, Hamilton. Died
 1849.

- ESSAYS :
 The Rites observed at Roman Sacrifices.
Valedictory Address, 1806.
 Drunkenness.
 Philanthropy.
 The Choice of Friends.
128. JOHN HARKNESS.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1804.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Rector of Lanark Academy.
 ESSAY :
 Memory.
129. WILLIAM DALRYMPLE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1804.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 History.
130. GEORGE JOHNSTON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1804.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 The Improvement of Memory.
131. DAVID CARRUTHERS.
 ADMITTED Dec. 15 1804.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Kirkden, Forfarshire. Died
 1846.
 ESSAYS :
 Memory.
 Friendship.
132. JOHN BRYDEN.
 ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1804.
 RESIGNED Nov. 26, 1808.
 Minister of Sandsting and Aithsting,
 Shetland. Died 1855.
 ESSAYS :
 Imagination.
 Pride.
 Discontent.
133. WILLIAM ANDERSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1804.
 RESIGNED June 13, 1807.
 Minister of Kippen. Died 1845.
 ESSAY :
 The Three Unities.
134. EBENEZER THOMSON. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1804.
 HONORARY Dec. 16, 1809.
 Afterwards resident in Ayr.
 ESSAYS :
 The Study of Nature.
 Independence.
 Descriptive Poetry.
 The Improvement of the Imagination.
 Optical Deception.
135. JAMES PATON.
 ADMITTED Jan. 19, 1805.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
136. WILLIAM LITHGOW.
 ADMITTED Feb. 9, 1805.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAYS :
 The Imagination.
 Pastoral Poetry.
137. ANDREW BEVERIDGE
 MURRAY. P.
 ADMITTED Feb. 9, 1805.
 HONORARY Feb. 15, 1812.
 Minister of Mousewald, Dumfries. Died
 1861.
 ESSAYS :
 Whether the Prophecies of the Old and
 New Testaments do prove the Inspira-
 tion of the Scriptures.
 The Religion and Morality of the Ancient
 Orcadians.
 Fortitude.
 The Roman Senate.
 The Crusades.

138. ANDREW CLASON. S.P.

ADMITTED Feb. 16, 1805.

HONORARY April 2, 1808.

Of Hallyards; Writer to the Signet,
1811; of the firm of Clason & Clark,
W.S., Edinburgh. Died 1850.

ESSAYS :

The Poor-Laws.
The Diversity of Intellectual Character.
The Causes of the Inferiority of the
Eloquence of Modern Times to that of
Antiquity.
The Law of Primogeniture.
Wit.

139. JAMES LOCKERBY. P.

ADMITTED Feb. 23, 1805.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS :

The Atonement.
Dress.
Idleness.
Of the College of Edinburgh and the
Dialectic Society.
Friendship.

140. ANGUS BARTON. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1805.

HONORARY Feb. 1, 1812.

Minister of Castleton, Dumfriesshire.
Died 1861.

ESSAYS :

Memory.
The Ancient Chorus.
The Pleasures we receive from Scenes of
Distress.
The Influence of Scenery on the Inhabi-
tants of a Country.
Emigration.
The Transmigration of the Soul.

141. DANIEL ANDERSON.

ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1805.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS :

Faith.
The Progress of Roman Learning.
The Improvement of Time.
Punishment.

142. THOMAS LITTLE. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1805.

HONORARY Jan. 19, 1811.

Minister of Tundergarth, Lockerbie.
Died 1854.

ESSAYS :

Solitude.
Suicide.
The Effects which the Various Changes
in Life have on our Minds.
The Immortality of the Soul.
The Effects of Christianity upon Society.

143. ALEXANDER NIVISON.

ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1805.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Robertson, Biggar. Died 1861.

ESSAYS :

Memory.
Writing.
Anger.

144. RICHARD NIVISON.

ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1805.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Middlebie, Ecclefechan.
Died 1858.

ESSAYS :

Attention.
Remarks on Horace, *Odes* i. 2.
Terror.

145. THOMAS NELSON. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1805.

HONORARY, *speciali gratia*, Feb. 15, 1817.

Minister of Auchtergaven, Perthshire.
Died 1852.

ESSAYS :

Sympathy.

The Analogy between Matter and Mind.

146. WILLIAM BROWN. S.P.

ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1805.

HONORARY Dec. 16, 1809.

Lecturer on Logic and Rhetoric, Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

The Advantages resulting from Debating Societies ; The Origin and Progress of Philosophy ; Love ; The Pleasures of Literature in Retirement ; The Risible Faculty ; A few Thoughts on Final Causes.

147. ANDREW BELL.

ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1805.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

D.D., Minister of Linlithgow, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1855. Died 1862.

148. ROBERT JEFFREY.

ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1805.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.A., Minister of Girthon, Kirkcubright, afterwards of the Free Church of Scotland there. Died 1844.

ESSAY :

Pity.

149. ROBERT GORDON. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1805.

HONORARY Feb. 25, 1837.

D.D., Minister of Kinfauns, and afterwards of the High Church, Edinburgh, then of the Free High Church there. Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1841. Died 1853.

ESSAYS :

The Origin of Tragedy.

The Subversion of the Roman Empire.

The Origin of Parties and Party Spirit.

150. DAVID GLOVER.

ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1805.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

151. JOHN ANDERSON. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1805.

RESIGNED Dec. 4, 1813.

ESSAYS :

Life of Epaminondas ; The Advantages of a Classical Education ; Calumny ; The Advantages of the Love of Fame ; The Pleasure we derive from Time well spent ; The Character and Death of Epaminondas.

152. NATHANIEL PATERSON. S.P.

ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1805.

HONORARY Mar. 20, 1813.

D.D., Minister of Galashiels, then of St. Andrew's, Glasgow ; afterwards of Free St. Andrew's there. Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, 1850. Died 1864.

ESSAYS :

Superstition.

The Effects of Bodily Distemper on the Mind.

Travelling.

Happiness not depending on External Circumstances.

153. WILLIAM GORDON.

ADMITTED Jan. 25, 1806.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Writer, Dumfries.

ESSAYS :

The Feudal System.

Revenge.

The Origin of Duelling.

154. ROBERT WELSH.

ADMITTED Jan. 25, 1806.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Solicitor before the Supreme Courts,
Edinburgh, 1817.

ESSAY :
Gaming.

155. ROBERT MORISON.

ADMITTED MAY 9, 1806.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Associate (Antiburgher)
Church, at Bathgate. Supported his
son's opinions (Morisonian), and with
his Congregation joined the Evan-
gelical Union. Died 1855.

ESSAYS :
The Universality of the Deluge.
Volcanoes.
The Life and Discoveries of Sir Isaac
Newton.

156. JOHN DEUCHAR. P.

ADMITTED May 16, 1806.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Chemist, Morningside, Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :
The Road to Ruin ; *Valedictory Address*,
1806 ; Some Thoughts on Patriotism ;
Detraction ; The Character of Zeno
and the Philosophy of the Stoics ;
Chemistry ; The Sense of Taste ; The
relative Characters of Light and
Caloric.

157. ALEXANDER SPENCE.

ADMITTED July 3, 1806.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS :
Hope.
The Good Effects resulting from the
Habitual Exercise of a firm and steady
Resolution.

158. JAMES GARDINER.

ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1806.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

159. ANGUS MACMILLAN.

ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1806.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Kilmory, Arran. Joined the
Free Church of Scotland. Died
1843.

ESSAY :
Enthusiasm.

160. JAMES MATHER DYKES.

ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1806.
RESIGNED Mar. 26, 1808.

Writer, Hamilton.

ESSAYS :
Poetic Genius.
The Poor-Laws of England.

161. GEORGE M'QUEEN FYFE.

ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1806.
HONORARY Feb. 26, 1814.

M.D., Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :
Abuse of Language ; Punishment ; Dis-
contentment ; Resolution ; Cowardice ;
The Difference betwixt Epic Poetry and
History ; The Difference between the
Minds of Men and Brutes ; Activity ;
The Beneficial Consequences of Ap-
parent Evils ; The Advantages of
Literary Societies ; The Impossibility
of the Equality of Ranks in Society ;
Knowledge ; The Evidence of Intellec-
tion ; The Sources of the Pleasure which
we derive from contemplating the
External World ; The Difficulties and
Advantages attending the Study of
Philosophy.

162. GEORGE RICHMOND.

ADMITTED Jan. 3, 1807.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Vanity.

163. JAMES SMAIL.

ADMITTED Jan. 3, 1807.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Solicitor before the Supreme Courts,
Edinburgh, 1813.

164. JAMES GRIERSON.

ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1807.
RESIGNED Nov. 21, 1807.

M.D., Minister of Cockpen. Died 1844.
Author of *Delineations of St. Andrews*,
and various Geological Works.

ESSAY :

Education.

165. JAMES STRACHAN. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 31, 1807.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Cavers, Hawick. Died 1840.

ESSAYS :

The Impropriety of renewing the Charter
of the East India Company.
The Moral Freedom of Man.

166. HUGH GRAY.

ADMITTED Feb. 14, 1807.
RESIGNED Nov. 28, 1807.

Solicitor-at-Law, Edinburgh, 1806.

167. SAMUEL LINDSAY.

ADMITTED July 4, 1807.
RESIGNED Jan. 12, 1811.

LL.D. One of the Classical Masters in
the High School of Edinburgh. Re-
tired 1843.

ESSAYS :

The Advantages to be derived from the
Study of History.
The Advantages of Public and Private
Education.

168. JOHN IRVING HENDERSON.

ADMITTED July 4, 1807.
RESIGNED Jan. 13, 1810.

Advocate, 1812. Sheriff-Substitute of
Forfarshire, at Dundee. Died 1860.

ESSAY :

Discontentment.

169. ROBERT WELSH.

ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1807.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

170. JAMES LITTLE.

ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1807.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

171. THOMAS GRIERSON. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1807.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.A., Minister of Kirkbean, Dumfries-
shire. Author of *Autumnal Ram-
bles among the Scottish Mountains*,
and other works. Died 1854.

ESSAYS :

Our Desire of Prying into Futurity.
The Improvement of our Time.
The Pleasure we derive from a great Por-
tion of Sensibility.
Certain Erroneous Ideas generally attend-
ing Literary Pursuits.
Valedictory Address, 1813.

172. JAMES DONALDSON. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Canonbie. Died 1854.

ESSAYS :

A Theory of the Winds.
The Effects of Cold on the Animal Body.

173. JOHN CRICHTON.
ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
174. DAVID SCOTT.
ADMITTED Jan. 16, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
175. ANDREW KENNEDY.
ADMITTED Feb. 6, 1808.
RESIGNED Dec. 5, 1812.
Minister of the Associate (Antiburgher)
Church at Keith. Afterwards mis-
sionary at La Chute, Canada East.
ESSAYS :
An Analysis of Sallust's Introduction to
Catiline's Conspiracy.
Memory.
176. THOMAS SHIELS.
ADMITTED Feb. 6, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
177. JOHN SMITH. S.P.
ADMITTED Feb. 20, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of Bathgate; afterwards of
Aberlady. Died 1861.
ESSAYS :
The Rise and Progress of the Arts and
Sciences.
The Moral Faculty.
Testimony.
178. JAMES LAURIE.
ADMITTED Feb. 27, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Licentiate of the Associate (Antiburgher)
Church. Chaplain to the Royal
Infirmary, Edinburgh. Died 1852.
179. JAMES KILGOUR.
ADMITTED Mar. 26, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
180. WILLIAM MEEK. P.
ADMITTED May 21, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of Lamington. Died 1834.
ESSAY :
The Advantages of History.
181. WILLIAM GOLDIE. P.
ADMITTED May 21, 1808.
HONORARY Mar. 14, 1815.
Minister of Crawfordjohn, Lanark. Died
1862.
ESSAYS :
Society speaking.
A Vindication of God for allowing Illi-
terate Men to entertain some Opinions
that the Discoveries in Science prove to
be false.
Some of the Peculiarities in the Nature
and Condition of Man.
The Nature of Man as a System or
Constitution.
Introductory Address, 1814.
182. THOMAS BOGG.
ADMITTED June 11, 1808.
RESIGNED Dec. 23, 1809.
183. HENDERSON WIGHTMAN.
ADMITTED June 18, 1808.
RESIGNED Feb. 3, 1810.
ESSAY :
Thoughts on Societies.
184. ANDREW SCOTT.
ADMITTED July 2, 1808.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of the Associate (Antiburgher)
Church at Crieff. Died 1824.
ESSAY :
The Inequality among Mankind.

185. JAMES SCOTT. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 21, 1809.

RESIGNED Dec. 17, 1814.

Minister of Union Street United Presbyterian Church, Inverness. Died 1876.

ESSAYS :

The Difference between the Dramatic Compositions of the English and those of the French ; A Comparison of the different Nations of the Earth ; The Mythology of the Romans and its Influence on their Manners ; *Valedictory Address*, 1812 ; The Advantages of History ; The Emotion of Pity.

186. THOMAS BRYDEN.

ADMITTED Mar. 4, 1809.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

187. JAMES HUTCHESON.

ADMITTED Mar. 11, 1809.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

188. JOHN CAMPBELL JAMIESON.

ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1809.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Dreghorn. Died 1864.

189. ALEXANDER ROBSON. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1809.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

The Life of Socrates.

190. THOMAS LEARMONT.

ADMITTED Dec. 23, 1809.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Student of Law.

191. JOHN GEDDES. P.

ADMITTED Jan 20, 1810.

HONORARY Mar. 29, 1817.

Minister of the High Church, Paisley ; afterwards of St. Andrew's, Glasgow. Died 1833.

ESSAYS :

The Desire of Fame.

Celibacy.

An Inquiry into the Superiority of Man over the Lower Animals.

Introductory Address, 1813.

192. WILLIAM MILLIGAN.

ADMITTED Jan. 27, 1810.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

193. THOMAS BROWN. S.

ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1810.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Inverkip. Died 1868.

ESSAYS :

The Diversities of Human Nature.

A Knowledge of the World.

194. THOMAS GLADSTONE.

ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1810.

RESIGNED Dec. 10, 1814.

Student of Divinity.

ESSAY :

The Inseparable Connection that subsists between Virtue and Happiness.

195. THOMAS WELLS.

ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1810.

RESIGNED Jan. 11, 1817.

Teacher of French, Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

The Union of Genius and Learning.

Habit.

196. ANDREW BROWN.

ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1810.

RESIGNED Jan. 11, 1812.

ESSAY :

Cheerfulness.

197. JAMES SMITH.

ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1811.

RESIGNED Dec. 16, 1815.

Minister of Etterick. Died 1858

- ESSAYS :
The Association of Ideas.
Reason.
198. JAMES DOUGLAS.
ADMITTED Feb. 23, 1811.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Of Cavers. Died 1861.
ESSAY :
Plagiarism.
199. JOHN GRIEVE. S.P.
ADMITTED Mar. 23, 1811.
HONORARY Apr. 8, 1815.
Presented with M'Crie's *Life of Knox* in
1814 for his services as Secretary.
Student of Divinity.
ESSAYS :
The Utility of Literary Societies.
Pity.
The Pleasures and Advantages arising
from the Cultivation of the Mind.
The Moral Administration of Providence.
Introductory Address, 1815.
200. JAMES CORRIE.
ADMITTED Dec. 7, 1811.
RESIGNED Dec. 19, 1812.
201. JOHN BARTHOLOMEW.
ADMITTED Dec. 7, 1811.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAYS :
The Epicurean Philosophy.
The Sublime.
202. SAMUEL MACMORINE. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 14, 1811.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Licentiate of the Church of Scotland.
House-Governor of George Watson's
Hospital, Edinburgh.
ESSAYS :
The Nature of Epic Poetry.
Light.
203. HAMILTON ROBERTSON.
ADMITTED Dec. 14, 1811.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAY :
Imagination.
204. GEORGE BELL BRAND.
ADMITTED Dec. 14, 1811.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of St. Andrew's, Dunfermline.
Died 1838.
ESSAYS :
The Causes why the Athenians excelled
all other States of Greece in Science and
the Fine Arts.
The Advantages of a Classical Education.
The Superior Effect which Education has
over Nature in forming the Human
Character.
The Poor-Laws.
A Vindication of Knox's Conduct towards
Queen Mary.
205. WILLIAM BRASH. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 21, 1811.
HONORARY Mar. 4, 1815.
Minister of East Campbell Street United
Presbyterian Church, Glasgow. Died
1851.
ESSAYS :
The Existence of God.
The Stoic Philosophy.
206. JOHN TROTTER.
ADMITTED Dec. 21, 1811.
RESIGNED April 4, 1812.
207. THOMAS FERGUSON.
ADMITTED Jan. 11, 1812.
RESIGNED Feb. 15, 1812.
Writer to the Signet, 1819. Died 1831.

208. DAVID SLOAN.

ADMITTED Jan. 11, 1812.
RESIGNED Dec. 12, 1812.

ESSAY :

The Pleasure we Derive from Scenes of Distress.

209. JOHN WILSON. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 18, 1812.
HONORARY April 13, 1816.

Minister of Newbigging; afterwards of Walston, Biggar. Died 1858. Suspended from judicial functions for nine months in 1842 for holding Communion with the Ministers of Strathbogie.

ESSAYS :

Emulation.

Eloquence.

Valedictory Address, 1814.

The Difficulties attending our First Attempts at Composition.

Moral Approbation and Disapprobation.

210. WILLIAM RORISON. S.P.

ADMITTED Jan. 25, 1812.
HONORARY Jan. 18, 1817.

Minister of Stair, Tarbolton. Died 1862.

ESSAYS :

The Origin of Tragedy.

The Present State of Europe.

211. WILLIAM BROWN.

ADMITTED Feb. 22, 1812.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

212. JOHN M'DIARMID. P.

ADMITTED April 4, 1812.
HONORARY Feb. 1, 1817.

Editor of *The Dumfries Courier*.

ESSAYS :

Bigotry; Desultory Remarks on the Danger and Folly of the Young neglecting the Counsel of the Old, and ascribing to the

Partiality of Fortune what is oftener the effect of Industry and Good Conduct; Early Marriages and their Effects upon Individuals; The Impropriety of early Engagements with Regard to Marriage, illustrated by the History of a Scotch Tutor; The Influence of the Drama; The Danger of judging prematurely of the characters of others; *Valedictory Address*, 1816.

213. ALEXANDER JACK.

ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1812.
RESIGNED Mar. 27, 1813.

D.D., Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Dunbar. Died 1868.

214. JOHN BLACK GRACIE.

ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1812.
HONORARY Mar. 29, 1817.

Writer to the Signet, 1821. Principal Clerk of the Commissary Court, Edinburgh. Died 1847.

ESSAYS :

The Association of Ideas.

The Materiality of the Soul.

Sensation.

Veracity.

Belindus and Rosalind, a tale.

General Philanthropy.

215. JAMES WILLIAMSON.

ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1812.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

216. GEORGE WALLACE.

ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1812.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Durrisdeer. Died 1854.

217. GEORGE CORSAN. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1812.
HONORARY Feb. 21, 1827.

Sometime Minister of the Relief Church

- in Hawick, afterwards Rector of Irvine Academy.
- ESSAYS :
- The Nature and Object of Epic Poetry, with Critical Remarks upon the Merits of Homer, Virgil, and Milton.
- The Constitution of the Faculty of Taste and its Susceptibility of Improvement.
218. JAMES MACAULEY.
ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1812.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
219. SAMUEL COLVIN.
ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1813.
RESIGNED Jan. 11, 1817.
- ESSAYS :
- Memory.
The Sense of Sight.
220. WILLIAM HIDDLESTON.
ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1813.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
- ESSAY :
- The Character of the Pathetic Style.
221. JAMES FRENCH.
ADMITTED Jan. 23, 1813.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of Kirkmaiden. Died 1826.
222. JAMES PATTISON. P.
ADMITTED Jan. 30, 1813.
HONORARY Mar. 11, 1820.
Writer to the Signet, 1820. Died 1832.
- ESSAYS :
- The Advantages of History.
Hearing.
The Injustice and Inexpediency of Entails.
223. GEORGE HAMILTON. P.
ADMITTED Jan. 30, 1813.
HONORARY Dec. 7, 1816.
Minister of Kirkcudbright. Died 1836.
- ESSAYS :
- Self-command.
The Character of Socrates as a Philosopher.
Valedictory Address, 1815.
224. JAMES HARRIS.
ADMITTED Jan. 30, 1813.
RESIGNED Feb. 19, 1814.
- ESSAY :
- The Influence of Scenery on the Inhabitants of a Country.
225. JOHN LAURIE.
ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1813.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Afterwards John Laurie Fogo. Minister of Row, Dumbartonshire. Died 1882.
- ESSAYS :
- Malevolence.
Sympathy.
226. ROBERT BROWN.
ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1813.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Afterwards Robert Lundin Brown. Minister of Largo; afterwards of the Free Church of Scotland there. Died 1877.
- ESSAYS :
- The Government of the Passions.
A Short Account of Grecian Literature and Philosophy.
227. DAVID FERGUSON.
ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1813.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Student of the Associate (Antiburgher) Hall. Went to America while a probationer.
- ESSAY :
- The Life and Philosophy of Socrates

228. WALTER BROADFOOT.
 ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1813.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAYS :
 Polite Literature.
 Attention.
229. WILLIAM COWAN.
 ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1813.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
230. GEORGE GREIG.
 ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1813.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Kirkpatrick-Durham.
 ESSAY :
 The Originality of the Moral Faculty.
231. THOMAS G. MACINNES. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1813.
 HONORARY Feb. 21, 1818.
 Minister of the Relief Church at Halifax,
 Nova Scotia.
 ESSAYS :
 The Influence of Novels on the Taste and
 Morals of Youth ; Liberty ; Conscience ;
 The Immortality of the Soul ; Historical
 Writing, with an Account of the Genius
 of Tacitus, Livy, and Hume, as Histo-
 rians ; The Origin and Nature of Lyric
 Poetry, with a Short Account of the
 Genius and Merits of Horace as a Lyric
 Poet ; *Valedictory Address*, 1817.
232. WILLIAM M. ROSS. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 8, 1814.
 HONORARY Feb. 7, 1818.
 ESSAYS :
 Critical Remarks on the Tragedy of De
 Montfort.
 Old Age.
 Heat considered with regard to its Na-
 ture, Effects, and Sources.
 Music.
- Observations relating to a North-West
 Passage into the Pacific Ocean, and the
 Possibility of effecting Discoveries to-
 wards the North Pole.
233. JAMES BROWN.
 ADMITTED Jan. 22, 1814.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., D.D., Assistant Chaplain, Bengal.
 Died at Singapore, 1830.
234. THOMAS HODGSKEN.
 ADMITTED Jan. 29, 1814.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Afterwards resident in Toulon.
 ESSAYS :
 The Right of Nations to make War.
 Remarks on Mr. Stewart's Theory of
 Demonstrative Evidence.
235. THOMAS HAY MATHER.
 ADMITTED Jan. 29, 1814.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
236. HEW AINSLIE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 29, 1814.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
237. JAMES PHILIP. P.
 ADMITTED Feb. 5, 1814.
 DEATH NOTICED IN MINUTE OF NOV. 15,
 1817.
 ESSAYS :
 Magnanimity.
 The Studies and Qualifications necessary
 to form an Orator.
 The Influence of the Conduct of our
 Imagination on our Happiness in the
 more Advanced Period of Life.
238. GEORGE GIBSON.
 ADMITTED Feb. 5, 1814.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Writer, Alloa. Died 1875.

239. GEORGE SCOTT.

ADMITTED Feb. 12, 1814.
HONORARY Feb. 12, 1820.

ESSAYS :

An Historical View of Grecian Literature.
History and its Advantages.
Some Reasons to account for the Superiority of the Inhabitants of Europe over the Rest of the World.
The Study of the Philosophy of the Mind.

240. ALEXANDER SHIELLS.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1814.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

241. JAMES LAWRIE.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1814.
EXTRAORDINARY Feb. 14, 1824.

ESSAY :

Memory.

242. THOMAS HAIRSTONES (OR HASTINGS).

ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1814.
RESIGNED Nov. 23, 1822.

Minister of a Chapel in connection with the Church of Scotland at Wanlockhead ; afterwards of the Free Church of Scotland there. Died 1875.

ESSAYS :

Attention.
The Stoical Philosophy.
The Sense of Light.

243. GEORGE YOUNG.

ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1814.
RESIGNED Feb. 13, 1819

ESSAY :

The Immortality of the Soul.

244. JOHN COWAN.

ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1814.
DROPPED FROM ROLL

245. JAMES FISHER.

ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1814.
HONORARY Feb. 12, 1820.

ESSAYS :

The Character of the Athenian Government.
Eloquence.
The Evidence of Sense.
The Associating Faculty.

246. THOMAS SMITH GO DIE. S.

ADMITTED Dec. 17, 1814.
HONORARY April 20, 1819.

Presented with a copy of *Shakespeare* in 1819 for his services as Secretary. Minister of Coldstream. Died 1859.

ESSAYS :

Style.
Conception.
Benevolence.
Justice.
Valedictory Address, 1819.

247. WILLIAM MENZIES. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 17, 1814.
HONORARY, Jan. 6, 1821.

D.D., Minister of Keir, Dumfriesshire
Died 1870.

ESSAYS :

Valedictory Address, 1818.
A Critique on the Episode of the Search for Rinaldo, in the *Gierusalemme Liberata* of Tasso.

248. JAMES WILKIE. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 17, 1814.
HONORARY Jan. 9, 1819.

ESSAY :

Introductory Address, 1818.

249. JAMES DONALD. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 17, 1814.
RESIGNED Mar. 18, 1820.

Advocate 1822. Died 1828.

ESSAYS :

The Freedom of the Human Will.
Introductory Address, 1816.
 Freedom of Discussion, particularly as
 it relates to the Liberty of the Press.

250. WILLIAM HAINING.

ADMITTED Jan. 7, 1815.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

251. GEORGE SMITH.

ADMITTED Jan. 14, 1815.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

D.D., Minister of Penpont, afterwards of
 Tolbooth, Edinburgh. Died 1866.

252. DAVID AITKEN. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 14, 1815.
 HONORARY Mar. 3, 1821.

D.D., Minister of Minto. Died 1875.

ESSAYS :

The Estimate of Character as it relates to
 the Arguments of Free-Thinkers in
 Favour of Vicious Indulgence.

Metaphysics, the Prejudices which gener-
 ally prevail respecting it, and the
 Advantages which the Study is cal-
 culated to produce.

Introductory Address, 1819.

253. WILLIAM JOHNSTON.

ADMITTED Jan. 28, 1815.
 RESIGNED Nov. 30, 1816.

D.D., Minister of the Secession Church
 at Limekilns. Moderator of the
 Synod of the United Presbyterian
 Church, 1854. Died 1874.

254. WILLIAM DOW.

ADMITTED Jan. 28, 1815.
 HONORARY Feb. 21, 1824.

Minister of Tongland, Kirkcudbright.
 'Having withdrawn his signature

and adherence to the Confession of
 Faith,' he was deposed in 1832.
 Died 1855. Author of *First Principles
 of the Doctrine of Christ*, etc.

ESSAYS :

The Right of Property.
 The Effects which Tragical Representa-
 tions produce upon the Mind.
 The Love of Novelty.
 The Production of a Virtuous Character in
 a Necessary Agent.

255. JAMES BROWN.

ADMITTED Feb. 18, 1815.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Kilrenny. Died 1834.

256. JAMES CRAIG.

ADMITTED Feb. 25, 1815.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

257. GRAHAM MITCHELL.

ADMITTED Nov. 25, 1815.
 RESIGNED Dec. 20, 1817.

M.A., LL.D., Minister of Whitburn.
 Died 1869.

ESSAY :

The Fallacy of the Senses.

258. JAMES GRANT. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 25, 1815.
 HONORARY Jan. 27, 1821.

D.D., D.C.L., Oxon., Minister of
 South Leith, then of St. Mary's
 Edinburgh, Moderator of the General
 Assembly of the Church of Scotland,
 1854.

ESSAYS :

The Love of Praise.
 The Sublimity of the Material World.
 Critique on the Second Book of the
Aeneid.
Valedictory Address, 1820.

259. WILLIAM S. MARTIN.
 ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1815.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
260. JOHN M'GILCHRIST.
 ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1815.
 RESIGNED Dec. 11, 1819.
 D.D., Minister of Rose Street United
 Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh.
 Died 1858.
 ESSAY :
 The Unity of Deity.
261. WILLIAM TURNBULL. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1815.
 RESIGNED Dec. 5, 1818.
 Student of the Associate (Antiburgher)
 Hall. Never had a charge owing to
 ill-health. Died 1833.
 ESSAYS :
 The Belief of Miracles.
Introductory Address, 1817.
262. GEORGE COLVILLE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1815.
 RESIGNED Nov. 30, 1816.
 D.D., Minister of Beith, Ayrshire. Died
 1852.
263. JOHN FORFAR.
 ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1815.
 RESIGNED Jan. 11, 1817.
264. ROBERT KNOX WILSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1815.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 Conversation.
265. JAMES NOBLE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 23, 1815.
 RESIGNED Dec. 13, 1817.
 ESSAYS :
 Pleasure.
 Hearin .
266. JAMES LAMBE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 13, 1816.
 RESIGNED Dec. 14, 1816.
267. JOHN BAYNE. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 20, 1816.
 HONORARY Mar. 16, 1822.
 Writer to the Signet, 1825. Lecturer on
 Conveyancing to the Juridical Society,
 Edinburgh. Died 1843.
 ESSAYS :
 The Advantages which Men of Business
 derive from the Study of Polite Litera-
 ture.
 The Influence of the Fair Sex on Society.
Introductory Address, 1821.
 The Right which one Nation has to
 Interfere in the Internal Regulations of
 another.
268. JAMES CULBERTSON.
 ADMITTED Mar. 2, 1816.
 RESIGNED Dec. 20, 1817.
 Afterwards resident in America.
 ESSAY :
 Is Conception accompanied with Belief?
269. ADAM CAIRNS.
 ADMITTED Mar. 2, 1816.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 D.D., Minister of Dunbog, then of Cupar,
 afterwards of Chalmers Presbyterian
 Church, Melbourne. Died 1880.
 ESSAY :
 The Moral Faculty.
270. JOHN MACMORINE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1816.
 HONORARY Feb. 28, 1824.
 D.D., Minister of Ramsay, Presbytery of
 Bathurst, Upper Canada.
 ESSAY :
 The Advantages of a Classical Education.

271. PETER BALFOUR. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 7, 1816.
 HONORARY Dec. 8, 1821.
 Minister of Tealing, then of Clackmannan.
 Died 1862.
 ESSAYS :
 Touch.
 Imagination.
Valedictory Address, 1821.
272. ANDREW JOHNSTON. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 7, 1816.
 HONORARY Dec. 9, 1820.
 Rector of Montrose Academy.
 ESSAYS :
 Chivalry.
 The Improvement of the Memory.
 The Nature and Extent of Natural Religion.
273. ROBERT PATON. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 7, 1816.
 HONORARY Dec. 8, 1821.
 D.D., Minister of Straiton, Maybole,
 then of St. David's Parish, Glasgow.
 Died 1878.
 ESSAYS :
 Remarks on the Question whether has
 Genius or Industry done most to im-
 prove the Arts and Sciences.
 The Characters of Hume and Robertson
 as Historians.
 The Beauty of the Material World.
Introductory Address, 1820.
274. JAMES DICKSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 21, 1816.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
275. GEORGE MILNE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 21, 1816.
 RESIGNED Jan. 25, 1817.
 Writer, Dundee.
276. GEORGE MACKNIGHT BURN-
 SIDE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 18, 1817.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Urr, Castle-Douglas. Died
 1855.
277. JOHN WILSON.
 ADMITTED Jan. 18, 1817.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D., Lecturer in Chemistry, School of
 Arts.
278. WILLIAM GRANT.
 ADMITTED Feb. 1, 1817.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAYS :
 Taste.
 Simplicity of Style.
 Despotism.
279. HENRY M. MACKENZIE.
 ADMITTED Feb. 1, 1817.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 Attention.
280. JAMES VEITCH.
 ADMITTED Feb. 8, 1817.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Of Eliock, Sheriff-Substitute of Lanark-
 shire. Died 1873.
 ESSAY :
 Imagination.
281. JAMES GREIG. P.
 ADMITTED Mar. 8, 1817.
 HONORARY Jan. 29, 1825.
 Of Wester Cambus, Writer to the Signet,
 1823 ; of the firm of Morton, White-
 head, & Greig, W.S., Edinburgh.
 Died 1850.

- ESSAYS :
Happiness.
The Rise of Mohammed, and the Progress of his Doctrines, with some Remarks on the Dissimilar Effects produced by the Conquest of the Huns and Mahometans.
Chivalry.
The Doctrines of the Common Law which declare a Slave free at Britain.
Valedictory Address, 1823.
Mathematical Science.
282. DAVID RINTOUL.
ADMITTED Mar. 8, 1817.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister at St. Catherine's, Canada.
ESSAY :
Friendship.
283. ROBERT MENZIES. S.
ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1817.
HONORARY April 3, 1824.
Presented with Sismondi's *Literature du Midi* in 1822, for his services as Secretary.
D.D., Minister of Hoddam, Ecclefechan.
Died 1877.
ESSAYS :
The Nature of Lyric Poetry.
The Fundamental Causes of Diversity of Style in Literary Compositions.
284. ANDREW PATTISON.
ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1817.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAY :
Friendship.
285. PATRICK DALMAHOY. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1817.
HONORARY Jan. 29, 1825.
Of Bowerhouses. Writer to the Signet, 1823; of the firm of Dalmahoy & Wood, W.S., Edinburgh. Died 1872.
ESSAY :
The Moral Character of the Scotch Marriage Law.
286. DAVID RITCHIE.
ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1817.
RESIGNED Mar. 11, 1820.
Minister of Tarbolton, Ayrshire. Died 1883.
ESSAY :
Novels.
287. ROBERT AYTOUN.
ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1817.
HONORARY Jan. 29, 1825.
Of Capletrae. Writer to the Signet, 1825. Died 1874.
ESSAYS :
Premature Attention to Politics.
The Principle of Animal Action.
Travelling.
Remarks on the Philosophy of Greece.
288. ROBERT MARTIN.
ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1817.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAYS :
Observations on Memory.
The Means of strengthening the Power of Attention.
That a Despotical Government is unfavourable to the Advancement of the Fine Arts.
289. DAVID LISTON.
ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1817.
RESIGNED Nov. 27, 1819.
Minister of the Church of Scotland in Calcutta; afterwards Professor of Hebrew, University of Edinburgh. Died 1881.
ESSAY :
Reflection.

290. JAMES AYTOUN. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1817.
 HONORARY Mar. 6, 1824.
 Of Balgreggie, Fife. Advocate, 1818.
 ESSAYS :
 The Causes of Courage in Individuals and Nations.
 The Present State of the Manufacturing Districts.
291. JAMES BROWN.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1817.
 HONORARY Mar. 26, 1825.
 Writer to the Signet, 1824. Died 1845.
 ESSAYS :
 The History of the Drama.
 The Prejudices existing against the Profession of the Law.
292. CHARLES MAXWELL.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1817.
 RESIGNED Jan. 15, 1820.
 Rector of Dumfries Academy.
293. JOHN HENDERSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1817.
 HONORARY Feb. 21, 1824.
 Minister of Carmunnock. Died 1854.
 ESSAYS :
 The Associating Faculty.
 Emulation.
294. WILLIAM SELLER. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 3, 1818.
 HONORARY Feb. 5, 1825.
 M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Edinburgh. Died 1869.
 ESSAYS :
 The Prospects of Literature.
Valedictory Address, 1824.
 The Decline of Dramatic Literature.
295. JAMES CUMMING. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 20, 1818.
 HONORARY Feb. 8, 1823.
 M.A., LL.D., Rector of the High School,
 Glasgow, then one of the Classical Masters in the Edinburgh Academy; afterwards one of H.M. Inspectors of Schools for Scotland. Died 1875.
 ESSAYS :
 Sensibility.
 Some Remarks on the Ideas of Dr. Brown with Regard to a Particular Providence.
 Song-writing.
Introductory Address, 1822.
296. JAMES VARY.
 ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1818.
 RESIGNED Dec. 9, 1820.
 Writer, Lanark.
 ESSAYS :
 The Love of Freedom and its Influence on the Moral Character.
 Chivalry.
297. WILLIAM VEITCH.
 ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1818.
 HONORARY Mar. 19, 1825.
 LL.D., Licentiate of the Church of Scotland. A well-known Classical Scholar. Author of *Greek Verbs, Irregular and Defective*. Died 1885.
 ESSAYS :
 Some Remarks on the Second Æneid of Virgil.
 Association and the Assistance it affords in explaining the Phenomena of Taste.
298. ANDREW TELFER.
 ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1818.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL
 ESSAY :
 Consciousness.
299. JAMES GRIEVE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 24, 1818.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL

300. ROBERT WILSON.
 ADMITTED Jan. 31, 1818.
 RESIGNED Dec. 22, 1821.
 ESSAY :
 Consciousness.
301. WILLIAM KENNEDY.
 ADMITTED Jan. 31, 1818.
 RESIGNED Feb. 8, 1823.
 Writer to the Signet, 1827. Died 1877.
 ESSAYS :
 Idleness.
 Happiness.
302. JOHN MACLAURIN.
 ADMITTED Feb. 7, 1818.
 RESIGNED Dec. 7, 1822.
 Writer to the Signet, 1825. Sheriff-Substitute of Argyllshire. Author of *Forms of Process in Civil Cases in Sheriff Courts, Scotland*. Died 1880.
 ESSAYS :
 A Comparison of the Speeches of Cæsar and Cato in the Punishment of Catiline's Associates.
 An Analysis of Cicero's Oration *pro Ligario*.
303. EDWARD BROUGHTON.
 ADMITTED Feb. 7, 1818.
 RESIGNED Mar. 25, 1820.
 Teacher, Edinburgh ; afterwards at Cheltenham. †
304. JOHN KER. P.
 ADMITTED April 4, 1818.
 HONORARY Dec. 13, 1823.
 Minister of Polmont. Died 1872.
 ESSAYS :
 The Character of Reid as a Philosopher.
 The Causes of the Diversities of Style.
305. JAMES S. STRUTHERS.
 ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1818.
 RESIGNED Mar. 11, 1820.
 D.D., Minister of St. Andrews, Georgetown, Demerara.
306. DAVID SIMSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1818.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAYS :
 Whether has Genius or Industry done most to improve the Arts and Sciences ?
307. ALEXANDER M'NEIL. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1818.
 HONORARY Jan. 17, 1824.
 Advocate, 1822. Died 1858.
 ESSAYS :
 Will the British Establishment in India be of Permanent Endurance ?
 Proceedings in Parliament by Bills of Pains and Penalties up to the Close of the Eighteenth Century.
308. PETER BUCHANAN. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 16, 1819.
 HONORARY Dec. 4, 1824.
 Minister of St. Andrew's. Died 1848.
 ESSAYS :
 Occasional War preferable to Continual Peace.
 Party Spirit.
 A Comparative View of the Influence of Ancient Oratory and the Modern Press on Public Opinion.
Introductory Address, 1823.
 The Revival of Poetry in the Nineteenth Century.
309. JAMES GIBSON.
 ADMITTED Jan. 16, 1819.
 RESIGNED Jan. 25, 1823.
 Minister of Avoch, Inverness. Died 1866.
 ESSAY :
 The Association of Ideas.

10. ALEXANDER MACTAVISH.
 ADMITTED Feb. 13, 1819.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Inverchaolain. Died 1869.
 ESSAYS :
 The Advantages to be derived from History.
 Whether there be a Standard of Taste in
 the Fine Arts.
311. THOMAS SCOTT.
 ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1819.
 RESIGNED Dec. 1, 1821.
 Minister of Smyrna Chapel (Secession),
 Sunderland. Died 1831.
 ESSAY :
 Association.
312. THOMAS THOMSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1819.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of Law.
 ESSAY :
 The Immortality of the Soul.
313. JOHN FORREST. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1819.
 HONORARY Mar. 18, 1826.
 D.D., Minister of the Scottish Church,
 Charleston, South Carolina.
 ESSAYS :
 The Pernicious Effects arising from the
 Study of Antiquity at the Revival of
 Literature.
 The Principle on which fictitious Scenes
 of Distress afford a Pleasure to the
 Mind.
Introductory Address, 1826.
314. JOHN COWAN. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1819.
 HONORARY Jan. 10, 1824.
 Advocate, 1822, Sheriff of Kincardine,
 1843; Solicitor-General for Scotland,
 1850; raised to the Bench as Lord
 Cowan, 1851. Resigned 1874. Died
 1878.
 ESSAYS :
 The Impolicy of Commercial Restrictions.
 The Rise and Progress of Manufactures in
 a Country.
 The Origin and Relations of Internal
 Sensibility.
Valedictory Address, 1822.
315. GEORGE DALZIEL.
 ADMITTED Jan. 15, 1820.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Writer to the Signet, 1824; of the firm of
 Gibson-Craig, Dalziel, and Brodies,
 W.S., Edinburgh. Died 1869.
 ESSAY :
 The Sense of Touch.
316. SAMUEL PALMER.
 ADMITTED Jan. 15, 1820.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D.
 ESSAY :
 The Second Book of the *Æneid*.
317. CHARLES CLOUSTON.
 ADMITTED Feb. 12, 1820.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 L.R.C.S., LL.D., Minister of Sandwick,
 Orkney. 'Physician, Naturalist,
 Meteorologist.' Died 1884.
318. ALEXANDER WATT. P.
 ADMITTED Mar. 4, 1820.
 RESIGNED Mar. 25, 1826.
 M.A., Minister of Dalgety; then Rector
 of Trinity Church, Southampton.
 Died 1868.
 ESSAYS :
 The Study of Intellectual Philosophy, and
 the Advantages connected with it.
 The Right Method of pursuing Physical
 Investigations.

319. JAMES JOHN CHAPMAN.

ADMITTED Mar. 4, 1820.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Advocate, 1824. Died 1864.

ESSAY :

Eloquence.

320. JOHN DOUGLAS FORBES.

ADMITTED Mar. 4, 1820.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

D.D., LL.D., Minister of St. Paul's Parish, Glasgow; then of Free St. Paul's there. Author of *Treatise on the Differential and Integral Calculus*, etc. Died 1875.

321. JAMES CHARLES. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1820.

HONORARY Jan. 29, 1825.

D.D., Minister of the Scottish Church, Calcutta, afterwards of Kirkowen, Wigtownshire. Died 1882.

ESSAYS :

The Principal Causes of the Ruin of the Athenian Constitution.

The Beauty of the Material World.

Introductory Address, 1824.

322. DAVID HECTOR.

ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1820.

EXTRAORDINARY Jan. 22, 1825.

Writer to the Signet, 1827; Advocate, 1837; Advocate-Depute, 1852; Sheriff of Galloway, 1861. Died 1874.

ESSAY :

Capital Punishment.

323. GEORGE ANDERSON.

ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1820.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Amusements which result in the Death of the Inferior Animals.

324. WILLIAM GLOVER.

ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1820.

RESIGNED Jan. 11, 1823.

D.D., Minister of Crossmichael, afterwards of Greenside, Edinburgh. Died 1871.

325. THOMAS AIRD.

ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1820.

HONORARY Dec. 10, 1836.

Editor of the *Dumfries Herald*; Editor of *Poems of Delta*, etc.

ESSAYS :

A Comparison of our Poetry in the Present Day with that which characterised the Time of Queen Elizabeth's Reign, including Remarks on the Changes which English Poetry has undergone.

The Development of Individual Character

326. ROBERT CREASE.

ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1820.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Secession Church at Peebles, afterwards at Leith-Lumsden. Died 1852.

ESSAYS :

Pity and the Sources of the Pathetic in Literary Compositions.

The Connection between Philosophical Necessity and Moral Obligation.

327. THOMAS BABINGTON HAMILTON.

ADMITTED Jan. 6, 1821.

RESIGNED Feb. 28, 1824.

328. GEORGE PATTON.

ADMITTED Jan. 13, 1821.

HONORARY Feb. 18, 1837.

Advocate, 1828; Solicitor-General for Scotland, 1859; Lord Advocate, 1866; M.P. for Bridgewater; Lord Justice-Clerk, 1867, as Lord Glenalmond. Died 1869.

- ESSAYS :**
An Attempt to show the Invalidity of the Arguments deduced from Reason for the Soul's Immortality.
Public and Private Education.
329. **WILLIAM BROWN.**
ADMITTED Jan. 13, 1821.
RESIGNED Nov. 29, 1823.
Licentiate of the United Secession Church; afterwards Teacher in Linlithgow. Died 1857.
ESSAY :
Simple Suggestion according to Dr. Brown.
330. **PATRICK JOHN MACFARLANE.**
ADMITTED Jan. 13, 1821.
RESIGNED Mar. 9, 1822.
A.M., M.D., Minister of Dron. Died 1844.
331. **GEORGE PATERSON.**
ADMITTED Jan. 27, 1821.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of the Secession Church at East Linton. Died 1863.
ESSAY :
National Character.
332. **ALEXANDER MURRAY TULLOCH.**
ADMITTED Jan. 27, 1821.
RESIGNED Mar. 8, 1823.
Joint Commissioner, along with Sir John M'Neill, G.C.B., to inquire into the supplies of the Army in the Crimea 1855. K.C.B. 1857. Major-General 1859. Died 1864.
ESSAY :
Female Education.
333. **MACDUFF RHIND.**
ADMITTED Feb. 3, 1821.
RESIGNED Jan. 10, 1824.
Advocate, 1826. Sheriff-Substitute of Wigtownshire. Resigned 1884.
Died 1885.
ESSAY :
Missions.
334. **ALEXANDER MILLER.**
ADMITTED Feb. 17, 1821.
RESIGNED Mar. 1, 1823.
335. **JAMES REID BROWN.**
ADMITTED Mar. 10, 1821.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
D.D., Minister of the Scottish Church, Swallow Street, Piccadilly, London; then of the Middle Parish, Greenock. Died 1860.
336. **GEORGE LYON.**
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1821.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Of Wester Ogil. Writer to the Signet, 1810. Died 1866.
ESSAYS :
The Eloquence of Curran.
The Gradual Abolition of the Slave Trade.
337. **ALLAN MENZIES, P.**
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1821.
HONORARY Mar. 18, 1826.
Writer to the Signet, 1829. Professor of Conveyancing, University of Edinburgh, 1847. Died 1856. Author of *Lectures on Conveyancing*.
ESSAYS :
The Manner of Writing History in Ancient and Modern Times; The Inductive Philosophy as applied to Physical and Moral Investigations; Posthumous Fame; Idol Worship; The Advantages

- likely to result from a more Assiduous Cultivation of Moral Science than at present exists; *Valedictory Address*, 1825; The Experimental Capabilities and Ultimate Object of the Science of Mind; The Moral and Poetical Character of Lord Byron's Writings.
338. GEORGE CLERK RENTON.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1821.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of Dunsyre, Biggar. Died 1876.
ESSAY :
Pulpit Oratory.
339. WILLIAM FETTES PITCAIRN. S.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1821.
HONORARY Nov. 25, 1826.
Writer to the Signet, 1827.
ESSAYS :
Commerce.
Are we to ascribe the present distressed State of Ireland to Misgovernment? The Causes of the Increase of Crime.
340. ALEXANDER KINMONT.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1821.
HONORARY April 5, 1823.
Student of Divinity. Went to America.
ESSAYS :
The Progress of Mankind from Rudeness to Refinement; two Essays.
341. JAMES BEGBIE.
ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1821.
RESIGNED Jan. 26, 1822.
M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.C.S.E. Physician to the Queen in Scotland. Died 1869.
342. WILLIAM PATON.
ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1821.
HONORARY Mar. 23, 1822.
Surgeon, Van Diemen's Land.
343. THOMAS SCOTT.
ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1821.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Student of the United Secession Hall. Afterwards joined the Established Church and became a parochial teacher.
ESSAYS :
Life of Sir Isaac Newton.
The Method of conducting Physical Inquiry.
344. WILLIAM SORLEY. S.P.
ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1821.
HONORARY Jan. 29, 1825.
Minister of Belhaven, afterwards of the Free Church of Scotland at Selkirk. Died 1859.
ESSAYS :
A Critique on the Philoctetes of Sophocles.
Freedom of Discussion regarding Theological Subjects.
345. JAMES HOME ROBERTSON.
ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1821.
RESIGNED Mar. 6, 1824.
Minister of Coldingham. Died 1847.
ESSAY :
Some of the Arguments for and against the Doctrine of Necessity.
346. JOHN PARK.
ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1822.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Of Rahead. Advocate, 1829. Died 1877.
347. WILLIAM STEELE.
ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1822.
RESIGNED Jan. 21, 1826.
Afterwards William Cunninghame Steele. Advocate, 1824. Sheriff-Substitute of Stirling and Dumbarton, 1839. Died 1880.
ESSAY :
The Usury Laws.

348. CHARLES NAIRNE. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1822.
 HONORARY Dec. 3, 1825.
 Minister of Cupar, then of Forgan; afterwards of Free St. David's, Dundee. Died 1873.
 ESSAY :
 The Characters of Milton, Dryden, and Pope as Exemplified in their Writings.
349. JOHN KING.
 ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1822.
 RESIGNED Jan. 11, 1823.
 Advocate, 1823. Died 1841.
350. JAMES RUSSELL.
 ADMITTED Jan. 12, 1822.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D., Edinburgh.
351. JOHN COCKERTON.
 ADMITTED Feb. 2, 1822.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 A native of Trinidad. Student of Law.
352. ROBERT ALLAN.
 ADMITTED Feb. 2, 1822.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Advocate, 1829; afterwards Stockbroker, Edinburgh. Died 1863.
353. JAMES MYLNE CAIRNS. S.P.
 ADMITTED Feb. 16, 1822.
 HONORARY Nov. 18, 1826.
 Presented with Hogg's *Poetical Works*, in 1826 for his services as Secretary.
 Afterwards resident in Montreal.
 ESSAYS :
 The Influence which Literature has on the Liberty and Morals of a Country.
 Reasoning.
 The Mythology of Ancient Greece.
354. ADOLPHUS MEIKLEJOHN SCEALES.
 ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1822.
 RESIGNED April 2, 1825.
 Merchant, Leith. Died 1877.
 ESSAY :
 The Diversities of Taste.
355. JOHN GIBSON MACGREGOR.
 ADMITTED Dec. 14, 1822.
 RESIGNED Jan. 6, 1827.
 Minister of Bridge Street United Presbyterian Church, Stranraer. Died 1852.
 ESSAYS :
 A few Critical Observations on Gray's Ode entitled 'The Bard.'
 The Choice of Books.
356. ROBERT LITHGOW.
 ADMITTED Jan. 11, 1823.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Rector of Stanmore Academy.
357. JOHN SMITH. P.
 ADMITTED Feb. 15, 1823.
 RESIGNED Dec. 17, 1831.
 D.D., Rector of Bathgate Academy, afterwards Minister of Ecclesmachan. Died 1869.
 ESSAYS :
 The Metaphysical Doctrines of Phrenology.
 The Connection between Civil and Religious Liberty.
358. JOHN PERCY HENDERSON.
 ADMITTED Mar. 29, 1823.
 RESIGNED April 2, 1825.
 Student of Law.
359. CHARLES PHILIP.
 ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1823.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Merchant, Leith.

360. DUGALD STEWART WILLIAMSON. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1823.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Tongland. Died 1859. Author of *Thoughts on the Present Scarcity of Salmon*, and also of some poems.
361. JAMES JOHN REID. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1823.
 HONORARY Jan. 13, 1827.
 Of Mousewaid, Dumfries. Advocate, 1827. Knight Bachelor, Chief Justice of the Ionian Islands, 1840. Resigned 1858. Died 1876.
 ESSAYS :
 The Application of the Inductive Philosophy to Mind.
Introductory Address, 1825.
 The Representative System.
362. JOSEPH BENSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1823.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
363. NICOL MILNE. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1823.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Of Faldonside, Roxburghshire. Advocate, 1827. Died 1876.
 ESSAYS :
 Phrenology.
 The Constituents of Genuine Eloquence, and the Means of Improving it in Great Britain.
364. GEORGE DEAS. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1823.
 HONORARY Mar. 24, 1827.
 M.A., Advocate, 1828; Sheriff of Ross and Cromarty, 1850; Solicitor-General for Scotland, 1851; raised to the Bench as Lord Deas, 1853;
 Knight Bachelor, 1858; resigned, 1885. Died, 1887.
- ESSAYS :
 The Philosophy of Poetry.
 The Sense of Honour.
 The Immortality of the Soul.
Valedictory Address, 1826.
 The Moral Influence of Poetry and Fiction.
 The Character of the Ancient Athenians.
365. JOHN FREDERICK STODDART.
 ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1823.
 RESIGNED Jan. 15, 1825.
 Advocate, 1827. Judge of the Supreme Court, Ceylon. Died 1839.
 ESSAY :
 The Moral Influence of Poetry.
366. JAMES SINCLAIR.
 ADMITTED Jan. 24, 1824.
 RESIGNED Jan. 22, 1825.
 ESSAY :
 A Critique on Thomson's 'Winter.'
367. THOMAS BUCHANAN. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1824.
 HONORARY Dec. 8, 1827.
 D.D., Minister of Logierait, afterwards of Methven. Died 1859.
 ESSAYS :
 An Estimate of the Literature of Great Britain at the Present Day, with an Introductory View of all the Causes which have contributed to its Disadvantage.
 The Personal and Literary Character of Gibbon.
Valedictory Address, 1827.
368. PHINEAS DESERET. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1824.
 HONORARY Feb. 16, 1828.
 Writer, Leith.

ESSAYS :

- That Cause of the Decline of States arising from the Nature of Population.
 The Different Characteristics of Memory, containing an Examination of the Views of Phrenologists on the Subject.
 The Moral and Poetical Character of Lord Byron.
 On the Phrenological View of Memory and Association.

369. WILLIAM FINDLAY.

ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1824.
 RESIGNED April 12, 1828.

Writer, Paisley.

ESSAY :

Evidence of Intellection and Event.

370. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK.

ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1824.
 RESIGNED Jan. 28, 1826.

Of Ulva, Inchkenneth, and Kilpatrick, Argyllshire. J.P., Deputy-Lieutenant for Argyllshire. Died 1887.

ESSAY :

The Possibility of a Connection having existed between Calton Hill, Salisbury Craig, and Arthur Seat.

371. THOMAS SCOTT LAMB. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1824.
 HONORARY Mar. 7, 1829.

Student of Law, Edinburgh. Died in early life.

ESSAYS :

- The Comparative Merits of Ancient and Modern Orators.
 The Causes why Representations of Tragedy afford Pleasure to the Mind.
 Ought any Crime save Murder to be Punished with Death?
 Is Church Patronage Expedient?
 Duelling.
Introductory Address, 1828.

372. ROBERT SPEAR.

ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1824.
 RESIGNED Mar. 19, 1825.

Barrister-at-Law, London.

ESSAYS :

Toleration.
 The Being of a God.

373. JAMES BREMNER HOWISON.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1824.
 RESIGNED Jan. 21, 1826.

374. B. GALBRAITH.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1824.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

375. WILLIAM B. SMITH.

ADMITTED Feb. 19, 1825.
 HONORARY Jan. 21, 1832.

Clergyman at Newcastle, afterwards Chaplain of the Castle of Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

The Causes of the Corruption of Taste.
 The Character of Lord Byron.

376. JOHN KENNEDY.

ADMITTED Feb. 26, 1825.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

377. JOHN ROBERTSON.

ADMITTED Mar. 5, 1825.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS :

Literary Curiosity.
 On the Love of Fame.

378. ROBERT ROBERTSON.

ADMITTED Mar. 26, 1825.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Writer to the Signet, 1831. Died 1872.

ESSAYS :

On the Necessity of Regulation in the Mind to Secure Happiness.
 On the Crusades and their Effects on Europe.
 On Poetry.

379. DAVID MENZIES.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1825.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

380. EDWARD SANDERSON.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1825.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Went to America.

381. ANDREW SOMERVILLE.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1825.
HONORARY Dec. 20, 1828.

D.D., Foreign Mission Secretary of the
United Presbyterian Church. Died
1877.

ESSAYS :

The Advantages arising from an Inequality
of Ranks and Fortunes in Society.
On the Influence which Polite Literature
exerts over the Affections.
On the Advantages of History, and the
best Mode of Conducting its Study.
On the Gay and Severe Satire.
Creative Imagination.

382. JOHN BOAG. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1825.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Student of Divinity.

ESSAYS :

The Moral Faculty.
The Influence of Universal Toleration of
Opinion in Smoothing Prejudices and
Purifying the Doctrines of Philosophy
and Religion.

383. ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1825.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

384. WILLIAM MAXWELL GUNN. S.P.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1825.
HONORARY Nov. 28, 1829.

LL.D., Rector of the Haddington Burgh

School, afterwards one of the Masters
of the High School of Edinburgh.
Died 1851.

ESSAYS :

The Origin of Language.
Introductory Address, 1827.
The Ancient Mysteries (I).
The Ancient Mysteries (II).
The Ancient Mysteries (III).

385. ARTHUR MACARTHUR. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1825.
HONORARY Dec. 13, 1834.

ESSAYS :

On the Poetry of Campbell.
The Character of Oliver Cromwell.
On some of the Causes of the English
and French Revolutions.

386. HAMILTON BUCHANAN. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1825.
HONORARY Nov. 28, 1829.

Medallist of the Society, 1834. Minister
of Strathblane, Dumbartonshire.
Died 1842.

ESSAYS :

On the Causes which led to the French
Revolution, with some Remarks on its
Progress and Character.
On the Poetry of the Highlands.
On the Character of Hume as an Historian
and a Writer on Ethics.
Valedictory Address, 1828.
How far Poetry is a legitimate Subject
for Criticism.
The French Revolution.

387. ANDREW MACFARLANE.

ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1825.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Assistant Minister of St. Andrews, George-
town, Demerara.

388. WILLIAM HUTCHISON
FORREST. S.
ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1825.
HONORARY Feb. 20, 1830.
Presented with Robertson's *Historical Works* in 1828 for his services as Secretary. Accountant, Edinburgh.
ESSAYS :
Superstition.
Ought a Lawyer to plead on either Side in our Courts of Law?
389. WILLIAM WARDLAW.
ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1825.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Writer, Dunfermline.
ESSAYS :
On Criticism.
On the Influence of Circumstances upon Character.
On the Influence of Antiquity on the Mind.
The Duties of a Critic.
390. JOHN WARDLAW. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1825.
HONORARY Dec. 5, 1829.
Advocate, 1837. Died 1842.
ESSAYS :
Commerce.
On the Influence which Contiguity has on the Mind.
Valedictory Address, 1829.
391. JOHN MACQUEEN.
ADMITTED Dec. 17, 1825.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A., Clergyman of the Church of England, Calcutta.
ESSAY :
On the Causes of the Superiority of the Ancients over the Moderns in Eloquence.
392. JAMES GRAY.
ADMITTED Jan. 21, 1826.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
393. GEORGE WEBSTER.
ADMITTED Mar. 4, 1826.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Parliamentary Solicitor, London.
ESSAYS :
On Currency.
On Beauty.
394. DAVID SCOTT. S.
ADMITTED Mar. 11, 1826.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Presented with Byron's *Poems* in 1828 for his services as Secretary. Writer, Montrose.
ESSAY :
Tragedy.
395. MATTHEW CONACHER. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1826.
HONORARY Jan. 21, 1832.
Solicitor before the Supreme Courts, Edinburgh.
ESSAYS :
Introductory Address, 1829.
The Character of Napoleon Bonaparte.
The Character and Genius of Dr. Samuel Johnson.
396. GEORGE BRUNTON.
ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1826.
RESIGNED Feb. 9, 1828.
Writer, Edinburgh.
397. THOMAS GRAY DUNCAN.
ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1826.
HONORARY Mar. 9, 1833.
Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Lockerbie, afterwards of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

- ESSAYS :
Introductory Address, 1830.
 . On the Character of Charles I.
398. CHARLES DOWNES.
 ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1826.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge.
 ESSAY :
 On the Greek Chorus.
399. LOUIS HENRI DE LA HARPE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1826.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 D.D. Professor of Hebrew, etc., in the
 Theological College of Geneva. Died
 1880.
400. ALEXANDER ANDERSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1826.
 RESIGNED Dec. 15, 1827.
 M.D. A native of Trinidad, and in
 practice there.
401. WILLIAM COWAN.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1826.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Banker, Ayr.
402. ROBERT ANDERSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1826.
 RESIGNED Dec. 15, 1827.
 A native of Trinidad, Student of Law.
403. DUNCAN GRANT M'DOUGALL.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of Divinity.
404. DUNCAN MACAULEY.
 ADMITTED Jan. 6, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
405. WILLIAM YOOLE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 6, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
406. JAMES SOMERVILLE. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 13, 1827.
 HONORARY Feb. 18, 1832.
 Student of Divinity, Edinburgh. Died in
 early life.
- ESSAYS :
 On the Opening up of a Sea Passage to
 India and the Discovery of America, and
 their Effects upon the present State
 and future Prospects of Europe.
 The Connection between Economical
 Circumstances and Morality.
 Some Strictures upon Malthus's Theory
 of Population.
Valedictory Address, 1831.
 The Conjectural History of the Savage
 State.
407. W. J. CAMPBELL.
 ADMITTED Jan. 13, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
408. ALEXANDER F. SAWERS.
 ADMITTED Feb. 10, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D., Halifax, Nova Scotia.
 ESSAY :
 On Government.
409. WILLIAM STOTT.
 ADMITTED Mar. 24, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of Law.
410. WILLIAM GRIEVE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
411. ROBERT HEDDERICK.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
412. SAMUEL CARSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1827.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D., Halifax, Nova Scotia.

413. WILLIAM ANDERSON.

ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1827.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Student of Law.

ESSAYS :

On the Immortality of the Soul.
Imagination.
The Association of Ideas.
On the Existence of the Deity.

414. PETER COLIN CAMPBELL. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1827.
HONORARY Mar. 9, 1833.

Professor of Classical Literature in the University and Queen's College, Kingston, Canada; afterwards Minister of Caputh, Perthshire. Principal of the University of Aberdeen, 1860. Died 1876.

ESSAYS :

On Sympathy.
On the Effects of the Reformation of Luther.
Introductory Address, 1832.

415. LAWRENCE MUDIE MACARA. S.P.

ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1827.
HONORARY Feb. 11, 1832.

Writer to the Signet, 1833. Died 1875.

ESSAYS :

On the Grecian Mythology; The Old Greek Comedy; On the Character of the Fair Sex; The Fine Arts (I.); The Fine Arts (II.); *Valedictory Address, 1830*; The Principles of Political Union.

416. CHRISTOPHER GREIG.

ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1827.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Student of Divinity, Edinburgh.

ESSAY :

Mathematical Science.

417. JOHN J. PLAINE.

ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1827.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Edinburgh.

418. DAVID CUNNINGHAM BROWNING.

ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1827.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M. A., Minister of the United Presbyterian Church, in Newcastle. Died 1851.

419. ROBERT SCOTT.

ADMITTED Jan. 28, 1828.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

420. DAVID SLOANE. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1828.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Headmaster of an Endowed School, New York, U.S.A.

ESSAYS :

On the Distinction between Self-love and Selfishness.
On the Causes of the Diversity of Style in Literary Compositions.

421. JAMES MOYES DEAS.

ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1828.
HONORARY Jan. 26, 1833.

Surgeon, R.N. Died 1843.

ESSAYS :

Endowments.
Remarks on the Bill for Limiting the Number of Peers in 1718.
The Immortality of the Soul.

422. JOHN RUSSELL.

ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1828.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

423. WILLIAM CUMMING.

ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1828.

HONORARY Jan. 23, 1836.

M.D., F.R.C.P.E. In practice in Edinburgh. Died 1886.

ESSAYS :

Whether a Rude or a Cultivated Age is more Conducive to Poetical Genius.

On the Necessity of a Moral as well as an Intellectual Education.

On the Education of the People, and the Necessity among them of a Moral as well as an Intellectual Education.

On the Influence of Climate on the Language and Manners of a Country.

424. DAVID TAYLOUR.

ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1828.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

425. WILLIAM JONES.

ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1828.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Wesleyan Methodist Clergyman in Liverpool.

426. WILLIAM NEAVES.

ADMITTED Feb. 14, 1829.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Writer to the Signet, 1833. Died 1841.

ESSAY :

The History of the British Drama.

427. ALEXANDER SOMERVILLE. S.

ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1829.

HONORARY Mar. 9, 1833.

Stamp and Tax Department, Inland Revenue Office, Edinburgh. Now dead.

ESSAYS :

The Government of India.

On the Effects of Taxation on Foreign Commerce.

The Political Spirit of the Age.

Introductory Address, 1831.

428. JOHN FLEMING WARDLAW.

ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1829.

RESIGNED Dec. 4, 1830.

Writer to the Signet, 1828 ; afterwards a Dissenting Clergyman at Leicester. Died 1871.

429. JAMES WALTON CAMPBELL.

ADMITTED Nov. 8, 1829.

HONORARY Dec. 3, 1836.

Of Walton Park, Kirkcudbright. Afterwards of Launceston, Van Diemen's Land.

430. NICHOLAS GRUTT.

ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1829.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Actuary, Scottish Union Insurance Company, Edinburgh.

ESSAY :

On the Accumulative Principle in Man.

431. JAMES GARDINER. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 19, 1829.

HONORARY Nov. 30, 1833.

Writer to the Signet, 1835 ; afterwards Sheriff-Substitute of the Kintyre District of Argyll. Died 1879.

ESSAYS :

Sympathy.

Truth.

On the present Prospects of Great Britain.

A Peep at the Past and a Glance at the Present.

Introductory Address, 1833.

432. WILLIAM GRANT.

ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1830.

RESIGNED Jan. 7, 1832.

433. WILLIAM THOMAS WISHART.

ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1830.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Presbyterian Minister at St. John's, New Brunswick.

ESSAY :

Some General Remarks upon Logic.

434. JOHN STEWART.

ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1830.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

435. THOMAS WRIGHT.

ADMITTED Jan. 23, 1830.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Swinton; afterwards resident at Helensburgh. Died 1884.

ESSAYS :

Phrenology.

Is a Desire to obey the Will of God necessary to constitute an Action virtuous?

436. JAMES RICHARDSON.

ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1830.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.D., Glasgow.

437. COLIN BLACKBURN.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1830.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Second son of John Blackburn of Killearn; born 1813; educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge; B.A.; Barrister-at-Law, Inner Temple 1838; conducted, with the late Mr. Ellis, reports in the Court of Queen's Bench for eight years; Puisne Judge of the Queen's Bench, and Knight Bachelor 1859; Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, and Baron Blackburn of Killearn 1876; resigned 1886.

ESSAY :

On the Power of the Old Scottish Nobility, especially the Douglasses.

438. CHARLES SIMSON.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1830.
HONORARY Nov. 30, 1833.

Minister of the Scottish Church, O'Brien's Bridge, Tasmania.

ESSAYS :

The Non-eternity of Nature.
Conscience.

The Origin and Progress of Civil Polity.
The Consistency of the Unity of the Human Mind, with the Complexity of its operations.

Valedictory Address, 1833.

The Forms of Slothfulness.

439. JAMES DUN.

ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1830.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAYS :

Friendship and its Advantages.
Life Assurance.

440. JOHN ROSE CORMACK.

ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1830.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.D., 1837. Sometime Lecturer on Medicine, and Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Editor of the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, and thereafter of the *British Medical Journal*. Afterwards in practice in Paris, and Physician to the British Embassy there. He distinguished himself by his services to the wounded during the siege of Paris and the Commune. Knight Bachelor and Knight of the Legion of Honour 1872. Died 1882.

ESSAY :

The Phenomena of Dreaming.

441. GILBERT GIBSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1830.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAYS :
 Penal Law.
 Envy and Emulation.
 Satire.
 The Extensive Political Influence which
 Great Britain has Acquired.
442. WILLIAM THOMSON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1831.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
443. ROBERT SOMERVILLE. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1831.
 HONORARY Nov. 17, 1838.
 Minister of St. Boswell's.
 ESSAYS :
 Codification.
Valedictory Address, 1837.
 Bacon's Philosophy.
 The Life and Character of Oliver Crom-
 well.
444. DAVID HOGG.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1831.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
445. GEORGE BLAIR COCHRANE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1831.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D., in Practice at Weston-super-Mare.
446. WILLIAM HANNA.
 ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1831.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 D.D., LL.D., Minister of East Kilbride,
 1835, of Skirling, 1837; afterwards
 of Free St. John's, Edinburgh, as
 colleague to Dr. Guthrie. Son-in-
 law and biographer of Dr. Chalmers;
 and Editor of his posthumous works.
- Author of *The Last Day of our Lord's
 Passion, The Ministry in Galilee*, and
 other well-known theological works.
 Died 1882.
- ESSAY :
 The Evidence of Testimony.
447. WILLIAM SMILLIE. S.
 ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1831.
 HONORARY Mar. 28, 1835.
 Received a presentation volume in 1833 for
 his services as Secretary. Advocate-
 General and Crown Solicitor, Ade-
 laide, South Australia, and a Member
 of the Legislative Council of that
 Colony. Now dead.
 ESSAYS :
Valedictory Address, 1834.
 The Literature of France during the
 Reign of Louis XIV.
 The Rise of German Literature.
448. WILLIAM WILKIE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1831.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Accountant, Edinburgh.
449. ANDREW STEVENS.
 ADMITTED Jan. 21, 1832.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
450. ALEXANDER STEWART LOGAN.
 P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Advocate, 1835; Sheriff of Forfar, 1854.
 Died 1862.
 ESSAYS :
 The Connection between Moral and In-
 tellectual Greatness.
 On the Prospects of Religious Enthusiasm.
 The Character of Hamlet.
Introductory Address, 1835.

451. ROBERT ANDREW MACFIE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 HONORARY Dec. 19, 1835.
 Formerly Merchant in Liverpool, now of
 Dreghorn Castle, Midlothian. M.P.
 for Leith Burghs, 1868 to 1874.
 ESSAYS :
 On the Duty of Contributing to Mission-
 ary Institutions, etc.
 On the State of Science in Greece during
 the Life of Socrates.
 On the State of the Church.
452. JOHN MACARA. P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 HONORARY Jan. 20, 1838.
 Attorney, Toronto, Canada. Sometime
 Member of the Legislative Council
 there.
 ESSAYS :
 The National Poetry of the Scots.
 The Natural History of Society.
 The Genius and Writings of Shakespeare.
 The Liberty of the Press.
 Classical Literature.
Valedictory Address, 1836.
453. JOHN ALISON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 The Immortality of the Soul.
454. ALEXANDER MANN.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Solicitor, Leith. Of the firm of Mann
 & Duncan, S.S.C.
455. ALEXANDER KINCAID MAC-
 KENZIE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
- Sometime Manager of the Commer
 Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 On the Mythology of the Ancients.
456. ROBERT RHIND.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
457. FERGUS CARSTAIRS.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sugar-planter in Surinam, Member of
 the Legislative Council, and some-
 time Deputy Governor of that
 Colony. Died 1878.
 ESSAY :
 On the Rise and Fall of Nations.
458. EDWARD STRATHEARN GOR-
 DON. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
 HONORARY Dec. 19, 1835.
 Born 1814; Advocate, 1835; Sheriff of
 Perth, 1858; Solicitor-General, 1866;
 Lord-Advocate, 1867; M.P. for
 Thetford, 1867, for the Universities
 of Glasgow and Aberdeen, 1869;
 Dean of the Faculty of Advocates,
 1869; again Lord-Advocate, 1874;
 Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and
 Baron Gordon of Drumearn, 1876;
 LL.D. Died 1879.
 ESSAYS :
 On the Character of Alfred the Great.
 On the Advantages of Titles of Honour
 and Hereditary Legislatures.
 On Crimes and Punishments.
 On Ambition.
Introductory Address, 1834.

459. ALEXANDER MUNRO.
ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.D. In practice in York.
460. JAMES NEWTON.
ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Of Whitecroft, Dumfriesshire.
461. ROBERT FRASER.
ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1832.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
462. JONAH MAXWELL NICHOLSON.
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1832.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
D.D., Minister of Pencaitland; afterwards
of the Tron Church, Edinburgh, and
then of St. Stephen's there. Died 1874.
ESSAY :
The Life of Hannibal.
463. WILLIAM PATRICK.
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1832.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
464. JOHN CLARKSON FAIRBAIRN.
S.P.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1832.
HONORARY Jan. 20, 1838.
Minister of the Free Church of Scotland
at Allanton. Author of *Songs for
Wayfarers*, etc. Died 1873.
ESSAYS :
On the Distinction between Mental Power
and Information, and the Sources of
Information; On Painting; On the
External Powers of the Mind; An
Original Poetical Essay, descriptive of a
Stag Hunt; On the Former and Present
State of Society with regard to In-
formation; On some of the Advantages
of Education; Verses; On the Dis-
tinction between Logical Knowledge
and Knowledge of the World; The
Genius and Poetry of Coleridge; The
Use and Abuse of Reason; *Introductory
Address*, 1836.
465. HENRY HUNT STABB.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1832.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.D. In practice at St. Johns, New-
foundland.
ESSAYS :
Music.
Natural History.
The Influence of the Intercourse between
Whites and Blacks.
466. JOHN LILLIE. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1832.
HONORARY April 5, 1834.
Biblical scholar and critic, and author of
various theological works. Sometime
resident in New York.
ESSAYS :
On the Paramount Influence of the Press.
On the Power of God.
Savage Life.
Conscience.
The Immortality of the Soul.
467. JOHN HAY BROUGHAM. P.
ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1833.
DIED 1836, WHILE PRESIDENT.
ESSAYS :
On the Influences of the Stage upon
Society.
Written and Unwritten Law.
The Tendencies of a Compulsory Assess-
ment for the Support of the Poor.
468. EDMUND BAXTER. P.
ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1833.
HONORARY Nov. 17, 1838.
Writer to the Signet, 1837; Auditor of
the Court of Session.
ESSAY :
Introductory Address 1837.

469. JOHN DONALD. S.
 ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1833.
 HONORARY Nov. 26, 1836.
 Writer, Alloa. Died 1859.
 ESSAYS :
 On the Justness and Expediency of the
 Law of Primogeniture.
 A Repeal of the Septennial Act.
470. ANDREW J. DUNCAN.
 ADMITTED Jan. 26, 1833.
 HONORARY Jan. 27, 1838.
 Sometime of the Queen Insurance Com-
 pany, Glasgow.
 ESSAY :
 The Life and Character of James I. of
 Scotland.
471. WILLIAM COUSIN.
 ADMITTED Feb. 23, 1833.
 HONORARY Jan. 20, 1838.
 Minister of Duns, afterwards of the Free
 Church of Scotland at Irvine, and
 then at Melrose. Died 1883.
 ESSAYS :
 On Despotism and the Rights of Resist-
 ance.
 The Benevolence of the Deity.
Valedictory Address, 1835.
472. ROBERT CATHCART M'KEAN.
 ADMITTED Mar. 9, 1833.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime Student of Divinity; after-
 wards resident in Edinburgh. Died
 1882.
 ESSAY :
 On Prejudices.
473. ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR.
 ADMITTED April 6, 1833.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime Minister of Walls and Sandness,
 then in Canada, and afterwards
 resident in Edinburgh. Died 1867.
474. HENRY COCKBURN.
 HONORARY April 6, 1833.
 Solicitor-General for Scotland, afterwards
 Lord Cockburn. Created an Hono-
 rary Member in recognition of his
 assistance to the Debating Societies
 of the University in securing proper
 accommodation within the College
 walls. See page xxxiii.
475. JOHN SPEID.
 ADMITTED June 1, 1833.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Of Ardovie. Writer to the Signet, 1841.
 Died 1861.
476. JOHN TAILOUR TELFER. S.P.
 ADMITTED June 1, 1833.
 HONORARY Mar. 21, 1840.
 Presented with 'a very handsome Polyglot
 Bible' in 1837 for his services as
 Secretary.
 ESSAYS :
 Friendship.
Introductory Address, 1838.
 The Influence of Opinion on Human
 Affairs.
477. CHARLES STEWART.
 ADMITTED June 8, 1833.
 RESIGNED Nov. 29, 1834.
478. GEORGE MORE.
 ADMITTED June 15, 1833.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
479. JAMES ALEXANDER.
 ADMITTED July 27, 1833.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
480. JOHN GARDINER.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1833.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

481. JOHN SINCLAIR.
ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1833.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
482. GEORGE LISLE DICKINSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1833.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAYS :
The Motives to Literary Exertion.
The Influence of Habit.
483. CUNNINGHAM ALEXANDER.
ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1833.
RESIGNED Nov. 29, 1834.
484. ROBERT LAING.
ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1833.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Student of Law.
485. ADAM JOHNSTONE.
ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1833.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Writer, Dunfermline, afterwards Solicitor
to the North British Railway Com-
pany.
ESSAYS :
On the Rise and Progress of European
Society (I.).
On the Rise and Progress of European
Society (II.).
486. AENEAS MACLEOD.
ADMITTED Dec. 14, 1833.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
487. ROBERT MORTIMER GLOVER.
ADMITTED Dec. 14, 1833.
RESIGNED Feb. 20, 1836.
ESSAY :
The Origin of Nations.
488. PETER DEAS.
ADMITTED Mar. 22, 1834.
RESIGNED Nov. 19, 1836.
489. HUGH REDPATH.
ADMITTED Mar. 29, 1834.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Died early.
490. HENRY ANDERSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1834.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAYS :
Pride.
The Immortality of the Soul.
Patriotism.
491. JOHN HAY.
ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1834.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAYS :
The Hindu Philosophy.
The Political Character of Chaucer.
492. DAVID LAWSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1834.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Went to Australia.
493. JAMES H. FORSYTH.
ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1834.
RESIGNED Jan. 10, 1835.
Student of Medicine.
494. THOMAS KEIR.
ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1834.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Sometime resident at Catacol, Lochranza,
Arran.
ESSAY :
A Dialogue in the Shades on Classical
Literature.
495. ANDREW MACFARLANE. S.P.
ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1835.
HONORARY Mar. 21, 1840.
Presented with Dick's *Lectures on The-
ology* in 1838 for his services as

Secretary. Secretary to the Associated Societies, 1840. Minister of the United Presbyterian Church, Falkirk; afterwards of Nicolson Street United Presbyterian Church, Greenock. Died 1873.

ESSAYS :

Conception.
The Principles of Friendship.
How we form Ideas of an External World.
A General Sketch of Lord Byron's Poetry.
Introductory Address, 1839.
The Characteristics of Lord Byron's Poetry.

496. JOHN STORIE. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1835.
HONORARY Mar. 21, 1840.

Minister of the English Presbyterian Church, South Shields; afterwards of the Presbyterian Church, Hobart Town, Tasmania, now resident in Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

Analytic Inquiry into the Effects of Eloquence on the Mind.
A Descriptive Essay.
In how far is a Modified System of Utility in Morals in Consistency with Truth?
Protestantism.
On some Principles in the Criminal Jurisprudence.
Valedictory Address, 1839.
Valedictory Address, 1880.

497. JAMES BROTHERSTON LAUGHTON.

ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1835.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

The Stoical Philosophy.

498. JAMES DONALDSON.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1836.
RESIGNED Jan. 20, 1838.

Advocate, 1839. Died 1853.

ESSAYS :

On the Constitution of Rome compared with that of Britain.
Mind and Matter.
Beauty and Sublimity with special reference to these qualities in Poetry.

499. JOHN MACFIE.

ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1836.
RESIGNED Nov. 30, 1839.

Sometime Merchant in Liverpool.

500. JOHN MILLAR. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1836.
HONORARY Mar. 13, 1841.

Advocate, 1842; Advocate-Depute, 1858 and 1866; Solicitor-General, 1867; Q.C., 1868; again Solicitor-General, 1874; raised to the Bench as Lord Craighill, 1874; LL.D. Glasgow, 1876.

ESSAYS :

A few Thoughts on Capital Punishments.
Valedictory Address, 1840.
The Best System of Geometry.

501. HAMILTON KINGLAKE.

ADMITTED Jan. 14, 1837.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.D., in practice at Taunton.

502. WILLIAM WALLACE FYFE. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 14, 1837.
HONORARY Mar. 13, 1841.

Editor of the *North British Agriculturist*.
Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

The Genius and Writings of Thomas Otway; French Literature—The School

- and Era of Le Sieur Despreaux Boileau; *Valedictory Address*, 1838; The Elements and Science of History; The Augustan Age of Roman Literature; The Aphorisms of Shakespeare; On a System of Police for Forfarshire.
503. WILLIAM BENNET CLARK.
ADMITTED Jan. 14, 1837.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Advocate, 1843. Sheriff-Substitute of Clackmannan. Died 1876.
504. WILLIAM KIESER.
ADMITTED Feb. 18, 1837.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Principal of Perceval House School, Blackheath, London.
- ESSAYS :
Poor-Laws.
Why Fictitious Scenes of Distress give Pleasure.
505. ANDREW ALEXANDER EASTON.
ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1837.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of St. Mary's Presbyterian Church, Demerara.
- ESSAYS :
Reflections on Education, with a particular Reference to its Present State in our own Country.
Popularity and Fame.
506. JACOB LOW.
ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1837.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Went to Australia.
507. JAMES FORBES.
ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1837.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
508. ALEXANDER ALLAN.
ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1837.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Younger of Allan Bank, Lauder. Died in Australia 1842.
509. WILLIAM WELSH. P.
ADMITTED Jan. 6, 1838.
HONORARY Mar. 13, 1841.
D.D., Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Broughton.
- ESSAYS :
The Comparative Advantages of Objective and Subjective Studies.
Some Remarks on Shakespeare's *Tempest*.
Introductory Address, 1840.
The Internal Marks of Truth in a Work of History, more especially as illustrated by the Scripture Writers.
510. ANDREW A. HUNTER. S.P.
ADMITTED Nov. 24, 1838.
HONORARY Mar. 12, 1842.
Received a presentation volume in 1840 for his services as Secretary.
- ESSAYS :
On the Principles of Literary Property.
The Spartan Character.
Valedictory Address, 1841.
The Character of Hamlet.
511. JOHN HENRY HOPE.
ADMITTED Nov. 24, 1838.
RESIGNED Dec. 11, 1841.
- ESSAYS :
Phrenology a real Science.
The Mosaic Account of the Creation in Harmony with Reason and Science.
On the Progress and Improvement of Mankind.
512. THOMAS K. PROUDFOOT.
ADMITTED Dec. 24, 1838.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Student of Law.

513. WILLIAM COWELL.
 ADMITTED JAN. 12, 1839.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Boston, U.S.A.
514. ALEXANDER OAL.
 ADMITTED JAN. 12, 1839.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Afterwards Alexander Auld. Minister
 of the Free Church of Scotland at
 Orlig. Author of *Ministers and Men
 in the Far North*, etc.
- ESSAYS:
 The Stage as an Amusement.
 The Character of Hannibal.
515. JAMES REDDIE.
 ADMITTED MAR. 30, 1839.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime of the Admiralty, London.
- ESSAY:
 The Use of French Words in English
 Composition.
516. EBENEZER MILL. S.P.D.
 ADMITTED MAR. 30, 1839.
 HONORARY MAR. 26, 1842.
 Presented with *Jeffrey's Contributions to
 the Edinburgh Review* in 1844 for
 his services as Secretary. Medallist
 of the Society, 1846; Secretary to
 the Associated Societies, 1842-1843;
 Solicitor before the Supreme Courts,
 Edinburgh, 1849. Died 1879.
- ESSAYS:
 The Greatness of Individual Character.
 In two parts.
 The Influence of the Feelings on the
 Understanding. In two parts.
Introductory Address, 1843.
 Five Years' Experience of the Dialectic
 Society. In two parts.
Introductory Address, 1847.
517. JAMES CAMPBELL.
 ADMITTED NOV. 23, 1839.
 RESIGNED NOV. 12, 1842.
 Advocate, 1843; Reporter of the De-
 cisions of the Court of Session for
 the *Scottish Jurist*. Sheriff-Sub-
 stitute of Sutherland at Dornoch,
 1854; Sheriff-Substitute of Mid-
 Lothian, 1865. Died 1877.
- ESSAYS:
 A Vindication of that Part of the Legiti-
 mate Drama called Tragedy by a brief
 Description of the Characteristics and
 true Nature of it.
 Observations on Critics and Criticism.
Introductory Address, 1841.
518. ROBERT MORTON.
 ADMITTED NOV. 30, 1839.
 DIED 1841.
- ESSAY:
 On the Poetical Character of Cowper, and
 the Place he is entitled to hold among
 English Poets.
519. WILLIAM WINLAW.
 ADMITTED DEC. 21, 1839.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 B.D. Rector of Morden, Mitcham, Surrey.
- ESSAY:
 Remarks on the Moral Character of
 Æneas.
520. WILLIAM R. SANDEMAN.
 ADMITTED FEB. 8, 1840.
 RESIGNED JAN. 9, 1847.
 Died at Sydney, 1841.
- ESSAY:
 The Influence of the Olympic Games.
521. FREDERICK HALLARD. S.P.D.
 ADMITTED NOV. 14, 1840.
 HONORARY NOV. 23, 1843.
 Advocate, 1844; Reporter of the Decisions

- of the Court of Session for the *Scottish Jurist*; Sheriff-Substitute of Mid-Lothian, 1855. Died 1882.
- ESSAYS :
- Review of the Opinions of Locke regarding the Nature and Origin of our Ideas.
The Perception of Greatness.
The Genius of Pascal.
The Philosophy of Montaigne.
Valedictory Address, 1843.
Valedictory Address, 1878.
522. JOHN CARMENT. P.D.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1840.
HONORARY Nov. 23, 1843.
M.A., LL.D.; Solicitor before the Supreme Courts, Edinburgh, 1848. A Member of the Board of Examiners under the Law Agents Act of 1873.
- ESSAYS :
- The Origin and Nature of Love.
The Various Styles of Public Oratory.
Introductory Address, 1842.
The Present State of the Country.
523. THOMAS MILLER DICKSON. P.D.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1840.
HONORARY Nov. 25, 1843.
M.A. Cantab. Formerly Headmaster of Berwick-on-Tweed Grammar-School, now Headmaster of Cloughton Preparatory School, Birkenhead.
- ESSAYS :
- The Philosophy of Plato: (Part I.) Its Practical Utility; The Philosophy of Plato: (Part II.) The *Phaedrus*; The Analogy of Poetry and Painting; Freedom of the Will considered on Metaphysical Principles; The Political Life of the First Protector of England; The Philosophy of History; The Connection of Dialectics and Ethics in the
- Philosophy of Plato; The Genius of Dante Alighieri; The Philosophy of Socrates; Recollections of visiting Strowan Churchyard; Sacred Poetry.
524. JAMES MACLEAN MACANDREW.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1840.
RESIGNED Dec. 3, 1842.
Chartered Accountant, Edinburgh.
525. EDWARD TAIT.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1840.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAY :
Observations on the Play of *Hamlet*.
526. CHARLES WATSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1840.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
D.D., Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Langholm, now at Largs.
- ESSAYS :
- Some of the Chief Causes of Happiness.
The Painting of Statues.
527. JOHN BLACKWOOD GREEN-SHIELDS.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1840.
RESIGNED Nov. 12, 1842.
Of Kerse. Advocate, 1843. Author of *Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow*.
- ESSAYS :
- An Attempt (1) To Prove that the Soul is Immaterial, and (2) To Prove by the Light of Nature alone that it is Immortal.
Observations on Government.
528. DONALD CRAIG.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1840.
RESIGNED Dec. 3, 1842.
Assistant Keeper of the Hornings Office.
ESSAY :
The Inductive Philosophy.

529. ALEXANDER THOMSON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1840.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Writer, Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 The Causes of the Pre-eminence of the
 Civil Law.
530. ANDREW SMELLIE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1840.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland,
 St. Andrew's, Orkney.
 ESSAY :
 Remorse.
531. JOHN MONTEITH DOUGLAS. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1840.
 RESIGNED Dec. 18, 1841.
 Formerly Writer, Cupar-Fife ; now Stock-
 broker, London.
 ESSAY :
 The Writings of Dean Swift.
532. WILLIAM RITCHIE MACDIAR-
 MID.
 ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1840.
 RESIGNED Dec. 17, 1842.
 Sometime Editor of the *Dumfries Courier*.
533. JOHN ISDALE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1840.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Formerly Minister of the Free Church of
 Scotland at Inveriel ; now of Free
 St. Andrew's Church, Glasgow.
 ESSAY :
 Civil Government.
534. JOHN AUSTIN LAKE GLOAG.
 ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1840.
 RESIGNED Mar. 26, 1842.
 Sometime Solicitor in Dundee. After-
 wards a member of the firm of Wilson,
 Burns, & Gloag, W.S., Edinburgh.
 Author of various novels under the
 name of 'Ekal Gaolg.' Died 1883.
- ESSAYS :
 The Moral Theory of Government.
 A Comparative View of the Republics of
 Athens and Rome.
535. ANGUS MACLEOD.
 ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1840.
 RESIGNED Feb. 4, 1843.
536. JULES MALLAC.
 ADMITTED Dec. 19, 1840.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 A native of France.
537. HENRY DUNIPACE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1841.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Newark, afterwards of the
 Scottish Church, St. Peter's Square,
 Manchester.
 ESSAY :
 Remarks on the Literature of the Eight-
 eenth Century.
538. ALEXANDER RICHARDSON. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1841.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAYS :
 On the Direct and Indirect Advantages of
 Memory.
 The Love of Fame.
539. JOHN REID. S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1841.
 HONORARY Jan. 18, 1845.
 ESSAYS :
 Analysis of Butler's *Analogy*.
 The Spirit of the Age.
 Patriotism.
 The Formation of Character.
Introductory Address, 1844.
 The Connection between Law and Ethics.

540. JAMES DODDS.

ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1841.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Parliamentary Solicitor, London. Author
of *The Fifty Years' Struggle of the
Covenanters*, etc.

ESSAY :

Emotion as a Source of Evidence.

541. ANDREW MITCHELL.

ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1841.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

B.A. Writer, Glasgow, of the firm of
Mitchells, Cowan, & Johnston.

542. FRANCIS ESPINASSE.

ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1841.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Sometime Editor of the *Edinburgh
Courant*.

ESSAY :

Luther at the Diet of Worms.

543. ALEXANDER OGILVY SPENCE.

ADMITTED Jan. 8, 1842.
RESIGNED Nov. 25, 1843.

Sometime Agent of the Commercial Bank
at Musselburgh, and then at St.
Andrews ; now retired.

ESSAY :

The Influence of Music on Mankind.

544. ALEXANDER SMITH. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 8, 1842.
RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1844.

Writer, Falkirk.

ESSAYS :

Milton's *L'Allegro* and *Il Penseroso*.
The Moral Law of Opinion.
Liberty.

Imagination. Parts I. and II.
Valedictory Address, 1844.

545. JOHN FULTON.

ADMITTED Jan. 8, 1842.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Sometime Minister of the Free Church of
Scotland at Garvald.

546. JULES BOUCHET.

ADMITTED Nov. 12, 1842.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Advocate, 1843. In practice in Mauri-
tius.

547. JOHN COVENTRY. S.P.D.

ADMITTED Nov. 12, 1842.
HONORARY Nov. 21, 1846.

Minister of the Free Church of Scotland,
at Yetholm ; afterwards at Gibraltar.
Died 1884.

ESSAYS :

The Tragedy of *Macbeth*.

The Life and Character of Augustus.

Valedictory Address, 1845.

The Causes of the Eminence of the
Athenians over the other Greeks.

England during the Reign of Henry VII.

548. JOHN RAE WILSON. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1842.
RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1844.

ESSAYS :

The Progress of Steam Navigation and its
Effects upon Society.

The Life and Voyages of Columbus.

549. JOHN RAE.

ADMITTED Feb. 25, 1843.
RESIGNED Nov. 22, 1845.

ESSAY :

Philosophical Induction.

550. HUGH TAIT.

ADMITTED Feb. 25, 1842.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

551. DAVID STARK.
 ADMITTED Feb. 25, 1842.
 RESIGNED Dec. 7, 1844.
 Licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland,
 Dysart.
 ESSAYS :
 The Genius and Writings of Dr. Chalmers.
 Moral Responsibility.
 Abstract of Clarke's Demonstration.
552. JOHN HUNTER. S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1843.
 CORRESPONDING Mar. 27, 1847.
 ESSAYS :
 The Tragedy of *Othello*.
 The Tragedy of *Macbeth*.
Introductory Address, 1845.
553. JOHN MORISON SNODY. D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1843.
 HONORARY Dec. 18, 1847.
 B.A. Sometime Chaplain to the London
 Hospital. Now dead.
 ESSAYS :
 Death ; The Present State of Man con-
 sidered with Reference to his Future
 Condition ; The Study of Philosophy
 favourable to Christianity ; A Criticism
 on Campbell's *Pleasures of Hope* ;
 The Nature of the Emotions of the
 Beautiful ; The Sublime in Writing ;
Valedictory Address, 1847 ; Human
 Responsibility ; The Origin and Nature
 of Epic Poetry ; The Origin, Nature,
 and Functions of Government.
554. ROBERT DEMPSTER.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1843.
 RESIGNED Dec. 7, 1844.
 Sometime Writer, Glasgow. Now resi-
 dent at Kilwinning, Ayrshire.
555. HENRY SHIRLEY.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1843.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime of Trinity College, Cambridge.
556. JAMES ROBERTON. S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1843.
 HONORARY Dec. 18, 1847.
 Writer, Glasgow ; LL.D., F.R.S.E. ;
 Professor of Conveyancing in the
 University of Glasgow ; a Member
 of the Board of Examiners under the
 Law Agents Act of 1873 ; Dean of the
 Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow ;
 and President of the Incorporated
 Society of Law Agents in Scotland.
 ESSAYS :
 The Existence of Political Parties. Parts
 I. and II.
 The British Colonial Possessions.
 The Growing Power of Russia.
Valedictory Address, 1846.
557. DONALD STUART. S.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1843.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime Lieutenant in the 78th High-
 landers. Retired 1855. Now dead.
 ESSAYS :
 Are the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* the Works of
 one Poet ?
 Government.
 British India.
558. JOHN ADAMS.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1843.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Solicitor before the Supreme Courts,
 Edinburgh.
559. NISBET BALFOUR WILLIAM-
 SON. S.
 ADMITTED Jan. 21, 1844.
 HONORARY April 3, 1852.
 Solicitor, Kinross. Died 1862.
 ESSAYS :
 The Moral Influence of Fiction.
 Human Responsibility. Parts I. and II.
 The Political Character of Milton.

560. CHARLES ROBERTSON.
ADMITTED Feb. 3, 1844.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
561. DAVID STEWART LITTLEJOHN.
ADMITTED Mar. 16, 1844.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Writer, Dundee.
ESSAY :
Slavery as it existed at Rome.
562. DUNCAN TURNER.
ADMITTED Mar. 23, 1844.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Missionary to the Jews, Constantinople ;
afterwards Minister of the Free Church
of Scotland at Tealing. Now dead.
563. ALEXANDER RUSSELL
RUSSELL. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1844.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Dean of Adelaide, South Australia.
ESSAYS :
The Origin and Uses of the Drama.
The Rise and Progress of Grecian Literature.
The Study of Literature.
Prejudice.
Phrenology.
On the Philosophical Maxim to take
Nothing on Trust.
564. JAMES TRAQUAIR. S.P.D.
ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1844.
HONORARY Mar. 18, 1848.
Medallist of the Society, 1851. M.A.,
Student of Medicine. Died 1851.
ESSAYS :
On the Love of Posthumous Fame ; On
the Influence of Time upon Grief ;
The Apathy of the Stoics ; The
Causes of the Difference between
Ancient and Modern Eloquence ; *In-*
troductory Address, 1846 ; Lord Jeffrey's
Theory of Beauty ; Freedom of the
Will ; Vindication of the Doctrine of
Necessity ; The Present State of Philo-
sophy ; The Spirit of the Present Age ;
The Present State of Physical Inquiry.
565. GEORGE SMITH.
ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1844.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Solicitor in Orkney. Now dead.
566. PATRICK COURTNEY.
ADMITTED Dec. 7, 1844.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Student of Law.
567. THOMAS BOWIE.
ADMITTED Dec. 14, 1844.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
B.A., Student of Divinity. Now dead.
ESSAYS :
On the Proportion of Good and Evil in
the World.
History.
Taste.
568. PETER M'LAGAN.
ADMITTED Jan. 11, 1845.
CORRESPONDING Mar. 27, 1847.
Of Pumpherston. F.R.S.E. ; M.P. for
Linlithgowshire since 1868.
ESSAYS :
Observations and Reflections during a
Three Weeks' Tour in Belgium.
Observations and Reflections made during
a Short Tour in Germany.
Observations and Reflections on a Short
Tour in Germany.
569. JOHN BLAIR.
ADMITTED Jan. 18, 1845.
RESIGNED Mar. 13, 1847.
Procurator-Fiscal and Bank Agent at
Irvine. Drowned 1860.
ESSAY :
The Moral Influence of Painting.

570. **NEOCLES GASPARD MUSSABINI.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1845.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 A Native of Smyrna; now resident in London.
 ESSAYS:
 Human Destiny.
 The History of the Greeks since the Fall of Constantinople.
571. **FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK. D.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1845.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Younger of Ulva, Argyllshire; LL.D.; Advocate, 1851; Sheriff-Substitute, 1867, and afterwards Sheriff, 1876, of Lanarkshire; author of a work on *Partnership*. Died 1886.
 ESSAYS:
 A Critique on Gray's Poems.
Introductory Address, 1880.
572. **DONALD C. CAMERON.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1845.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Surgeon, Lochaber. Now dead.
 ESSAY:
 On the Scottish Revolution of 1637.
573. **DAVID HUNTER.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1845.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
574. **DANIEL JAMIESON.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1845.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY:
 On the Phenomena connected with Temperance, considered as a Cardinal Virtue.
575. **MIRZA SADIK.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1845.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 A Persian nobleman.
576. **JOHN BOYD KINNEAR. S.P.D.**
 ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1845.
 HONORARY Jan. 6, 1849.
 Of Kinloch, Fife. Advocate, 1850; Barrister-at-Law, Inner Temple, 1855; Secretary to the Lord Advocate, 1852 to 1856; M.P. for East Fife, December 1885 to June 1886; author of a treatise on *The Law of Bankruptcy*.
 ESSAYS:
 The Principles of Political Representation.
 The Functions of Government.
Introductory Address, 1848.
 Toleration.
577. **THOMAS SPENCER BAYNES. P.**
 ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1846.
 RESIGNED Feb. 17, 1849.
 B.A., LL.B., Professor of Logic and Metaphysics in the University of St. Andrews; Translator of *The Port-Royal Logic*; author of *The New Analytic of Logical Forms*, etc., Editor of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* (ninth edition). Died 1887.
 ESSAYS:
 The Poetic Genius of Pope and Cowper.
 On Doubt in General, and Philosophical Doubt in Particular.
 Theatrical Representations and their Possible Consequences.
 The Sceptical School of Philosophy.
 The Duality of Consciousness.
Valedictory Address, 1848.
Introductory Address, 1883.
578. **JOHN FORBES.**
 ADMITTED Feb. 28, 1846.
 RESIGNED Nov. 11, 1848.
 Minister of Sleat, Skye. Author of a Gaelic Grammar. Died 1863.

- ESSAYS :
On the Authenticity of Ossian's Poems.
Theory and Hypotheses.
579. JAMES KERR. P.
ADMITTED Feb. 28, 1846.
RESIGNED Jan. 5, 1850.
Student of Divinity.
580. PHILIP LOURENS GOMEZ.
ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1846.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
A native of Ceylon. Student of Law.
581. ALEXANDER GRAY.
ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1846.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
ESSAY :
Imagination.
582. MURDO M'IVOR.
ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1846.
RESIGNED Mar. 18, 1848.
ESSAY :
Greek and English Tragedy.
583. WILLIAM PEARSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1846.
RESIGNED Jan. 29, 1848.
Barrister at Law, Inner Temple, 1853 ;
Q.C., 1874, Bencher of the Inner
Temple.
584. DAVID HENDERSON. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1846.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of Strathmiglo.
ESSAYS :
The Comparative Advantages of the Study
of the Ancient and Modern Languages.
The Genius and Literature of Scotland.
Introductory Address, 1849.
585. ÆNEAS MACRAE.
ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1846.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
586. GEORGE GIBSON. D.
ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1847.
RESIGNED Nov. 30, 1850.
Engineer, Edinburgh.
ESSAYS :
War.
Insanity and Demoniical Possession.
587. WILLIAM LAW. S.P.D.
ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1847.
HONORARY Dec. 14, 1850.
Student of Law.
ESSAYS ;
The Feudal System.
The Unity of the Human Species.
The Influence of the Imagination on
Human Happiness.
Valedictory Address, 1849.
The Province of Government.
588. PETER COSENS. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1847.
HONORARY Feb. 28, 1852.
Advocate, 1852. Died 1881.
ESSAYS :
Consciousness ; On the *a priori* and *a posteriori* arguments for the Existence of the Deity ; Decision of Character ; Romance and History ; *Valedictory Address*, 1850 ; Cause and Effect ; The Connection between Morality and Religion ; Population (Parts I. and II.).
589. JOHN PATRICK ST. CLAIR.
S.P.D.
ADMITTED Feb. 5, 1848.
HONORARY Jan. 11, 1851.
Secretary to the Associated Societies,
1850-51. Formerly Minister of

- St. Stephen's, Perth; now Chaplain to the Prison of Aberdeen.
- ESSAYS:
On the Practical Utility of the Study of the Classics.
Idealism.
590. STEPHEN EASTEN. P.
ADMITTED Feb. 12, 1848.
CORRESPONDING Nov. 9, 1850.
Student of Divinity, United Presbyterian Hall. 'Changed his views of Evangelical doctrines, and abandoned theological study.'
- ESSAYS:
The Will.
Introductory Address, 1850.
591. JAMES WALKER. P.
ADMITTED Feb. 19, 1848.
HONORARY Feb. 7, 1852.
Minister of the Second Charge, Kirkwall and St. Ola.
- ESSAYS:
The Advantages of Social Intercourse.
Chivalry.
Moonlight.
Sunshine.
Valedictory Address, 1852.
592. J. M. MENZIES. P.D.
ADMITTED Feb. 19, 1848.
RESIGNED Dec. 7, 1850.
B.A., Licentiate of the Church of Scotland. Now dead.
- ESSAYS:
The Middle Ages.
The Literary Characteristics of the Scriptures.
593. PATRICK BLAIR.
ADMITTED Feb. 19, 1848.
RESIGNED Nov. 25, 1848.
Advocate, 1856; District Judge in
- Jamaica, 1867; Sheriff-Substitute of Inverness, 1871.
594. JAMES CARRICK.
ADMITTED Nov. 11, 1848.
RESIGNED Dec. 2, 1848.
595. ALEXANDER ROBERTSON. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1848.
RESIGNED Dec. 13, 1851.
Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Burrelton, Coupar-Angus.
- ESSAYS:
The Love of Nature.
The Connection between Science and Scripture.
Valedictory Address, 1851.
596. DANIEL GORRIE.
ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1848.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Sometime Editor of *Orkney Herald*, now engaged in literary work in London. Author of *Summers and Winters in the Orkneys*, etc.
- ESSAY:
Scottish Song.
597. ROBERT FRANCIS COLVIN.
ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1848.
CORRESPONDING Nov. 24, 1849.
Minister of Kirkpatrick-Juxta, Moffat; now retired.
- ESSAYS:
On the Origin of Language.
The Nature and Influence of Ballad Poetry.
598. THOMAS SIMPSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1848.
RESIGNED Nov. 23, 1850.
Student of Law; went to Australia.
- ESSAY:
The Progress of Art.

599. ROBERT WALLACE. S.P.

ADMITTED Nov. 25, 1848.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.A., D.D., sometime Minister of Newton-upon-Ayr; afterwards of Trinity College Church, and then of Old Greyfriars, Edinburgh; Professor of Church History, University of Edinburgh; Editor of the *Scotsman* 1876; Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, 1883; M.P. for Eastern Division of Edinburgh, 1886.

ESSAYS :

The Causes of Material Phenomena.
Geology viewed in Connection with Scripture.
Innovations of Geologists on the Established Principles of Biblical Criticism.
The Progress of Man.
Introductory Address, 1867.

600. ANDREW BRYDIE.

ADMITTED Jan. 6, 1849.
HONORARY Mar. 12, 1852.

B.A., Medallist of the Society 1854; Secretary to the Associated Societies, 1852-53; sometime Minister of Free St. Andrew's Church, Dunfermline; now of a Presbyterian Church at Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

ESSAYS :

The Eloquence of the Ancients compared with that of the Moderns.
The Revival of Learning in the Fifteenth Century.
The Light Literature of the Age.
Introductory Address, 1851.
The Influence of Fashion.

601. BENJAMIN BOWMER.

ADMITTED Jan. 13, 1849.
RESIGNED Dec. 1, 1849.

ESSAY :

The Improvement of the Senses.

602. JAMES HILL.

ADMITTED Feb. 3, 1849.
RESIGNED Jan. 5, 1850.

Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Scone; afterwards in New Zealand.

603. JOHN THOMSON.

ADMITTED Feb. 17, 1849.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of St. John's Church, Hawick.

ESSAY :

Instinct.

604. DAVID WILLIAMSON.

ADMITTED Feb. 24, 1849.
RESIGNED Dec. 1, 1849.

Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Queensferry, and afterwards Foreign Mission Secretary to that Church. Died 1882.

605. CHARLES GEORGE HOOD
KINNEAR.

ADMITTED Mar. 3, 1849.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Architect, Edinburgh.

ESSAY :

The Freemasons of the Middle Ages.

606. FERGUS JARDINE.

ADMITTED Mar. 24, 1849.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

607. GEORGE CLAZY. P.

ADMITTED Mar. 31, 1849.
RESIGNED Mar. 20, 1852.

Minister of Oakshaw Free Church, Paisley.

ESSAYS :

Sympathy.
Miracles.

608. JAMES THOMSON. D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 24, 1849.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A.
 ESSAYS :
 Entomology.
 The *a posteriori* Argument for the Existence of Deity.
609. JOHN DOUGALL.
 ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1849.
 RESIGNED Mar. 9, 1850.
610. P. A. CAMERON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1849
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
611. JAMES STORMONTH.
 ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1849.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
612. PATRICK PATERSON AITKEN. D.
 ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1850.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of Law.
 ESSAY :
 Education.
613. DAVID CAIRNS.
 ADMITTED Jan. 29, 1850.
 RESIGNED Nov. 29, 1851.
 Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Stichel.
 ESSAY :
 Speculation and Practice.
614. JOHN COSENS.
 ADMITTED Feb. 2, 1850.
 RESIGNED Nov. 29, 1851.
 Writer to the Signet, 1852. Died 1855.
 ESSAY :
 The Influence of Painting on Literature and Society.
615. JAMES MILROY. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1850.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., Minister of Dreghorn.
 ESSAYS :
 The Social Condition of the People.
 Comparative Philology, with Special Reference to the present State of Classical Literature.
616. JAMES SETON RITCHIE. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1850.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1853.
 Sometime of the Legacy-Duty Office, Edinburgh. Died 1875.
 ESSAYS :
 Beauty.
 Painting.
617. JOHN HEPBURN.
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1851.
 RESIGNED Dec. 3, 1853.
 Formerly Minister of St. Clement's Established Church, Aberdeen. Now in London.
 ESSAY :
 On the Connection between Speculative Philosophy and Religion.
618. JAMES YOUNG.
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1851.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Licentiate of the Church of Scotland.
 Died almost immediately after taking Licence.
 ESSAY :
 On Beauty.
619. ROBERT HILL. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1851.
 RESIGNED Nov. 22, 1856.
 B.A., Student of Divinity, New College, Edinburgh. Died 1859.

- ESSAYS :
 On History.
Introductory Address, 1856.
620. RICHARD ROSS. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1851.
 HONORARY Dec. 2, 1854.
 Missionary of the Free Church of Scotland,
 formerly at Toleni, South Africa ;
 now at Cunningham, North Kafraria.
- ESSAYS :
 On Socrates.
Valedictory Address for 1855.
621. HENRY M. DOUGLAS. S.D.
 ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1851.
 HONORARY Mar. 20, 1855.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland
 at Kirkcaldy. Died 1867.
- ESSAYS :
 On the Science of Logic.
 Translation of a Portion of Cousin on
 Kant.
Introductory Address, 1854.
Valedictory Address, 1856.
622. WILLIAM RODGER THOMSON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1851.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
- ESSAY :
 On Shakespeare's Character of *Othello*.
623. WILLIAM TODD. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1851.
 HONORARY Mar. 27, 1855.
- ESSAYS :
 On the Poetry of Walter Scott.
 On the Poetry of the Ettrick Shepherd.
 On Reginald Heber.
624. WILLIAM WILSON. D.
 ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1851.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
- Licentiate of the United Presbyterian
 Church.
- ESSAY :
 On Moral Evidence.
625. WILLIAM G. LANSKAIL. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 4, 1852.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime student of Divinity, University
 of Edinburgh.
- ESSAYS :
 On the Fine Arts.
 On the French Revolution of 1793.
626. HUGH MACMILLAN.
 ADMITTED Jan. 1852.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 D.D., LL.D., F.R.S.E. Minister of the
 West Free Church, Greenock.
 Author of *First Forms of Vegetation*,
Bible Teachings in Nature, *The*
Riviera, etc. etc.
- ESSAYS :
 On Druidism.
 On Genius.
Introductory Address, 1881.
627. EDWARD LUMSDEN. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 24, 1852.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., Minister of Midmar.
- ESSAYS :
 On Literary Taste.
 On the Influence of the Senses on the
 Cultivation of our Moral and Intellec-
 tual Powers.
 On Enthusiasm.
628. CHARLES MATTHEW NORMAND.
 ADMITTED Feb. 21, 1852.
 HONORARY Dec. 9, 1854.
 Sometime student of Medicine.

629. THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN LORD CAMPBELL.
HONORARY April 3, 1852.
Lord Chief-Justice of England. See p. xlvi.
630. ARCHIBALD CONNELL MAC-PHAIL.
ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1852.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of Hopekirk, Hawick.
631. ROBERT TEMPLETON.
ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1852.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A., Missionary at Lovedale, South Africa, till 1864, when he was appointed Inspector of Schools, Cape Colony. Died from exposure in the African Bush.
632. ROBERT HUNTER ARBUCKLE. P.
ADMITTED Jan. 8, 1853.
HONORARY Feb. 28, 1857.
Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Kirkoswald.
ESSAYS :
The Poetry of Alexander Smith.
Ayrshire Poets.
633. ROBERT CHRISTOPHER LUNDIN BROWN. D.P.
ADMITTED Jan. 8, 1853.
CORRESPONDING Dec. 1, 1855.
M.A. Sometime Incumbent of Lillovet, British Columbia ; afterwards Vicar of Rhodes, near Manchester, and latterly English Chaplain at Patras, Greece. Translated Tholuck's *Sermons* and Martensen's *Christian Ethics*. Author of *The Life of Peace*, etc. Died 1876.
- ESSAYS :
The Sublime and Beautiful.
Carlyle.
634. W. G. LAWS.
ADMITTED Jan. 22, 1853.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
635. WILLIAM LORIMER.
ADMITTED Feb. 5, 1853.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Glencaple, Dumfries. Author of *Old Landmarks, Providence and Prayer*, etc.
636. HENRY M'INTOSH ROBERTSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 12, 1853.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of Bo'ness.
ESSAY :
On Photography.
637. W. THOMSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1853.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
638. ROBERT WALLACE.
ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
CORRESPONDING Feb. 10, 1856.
639. HENRY CALDERWOOD. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
HONORARY Nov. 11, 1854.
LL.D. Formerly Minister of Greyfriars United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow ; now Professor of Moral Philosophy, in the University of Edinburgh. Author of *The Philosophy of the Infinite ; The Relations of Mind and Brain ; Handbook of Moral Philosophy*, etc.
Introductory Address, 1864.
Introductory Address, 1879.

640. JOHN SPITTAL.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 HONORARY Dec. 2, 1854.
 M. A. Edin. and Cantab., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Leicester, 1862; Rector of St. Luke, Heywood, Lancashire, 1878; Vicar of St. Peter's, Havenstreet, Ryde, 1885.
 ESSAYS:
 On Coleridge.
 On Disraeli.
641. CHARLES UMPHERSTON AITCHISON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M. A. Bengal Civil Service, 1856; Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, 1870; Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, 1878; Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, 1882; Member of the Governor-General's Council, 1887. C.S.I., 1870; K.C.S.I., 1881.
642. WILLIAM SALMOND.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 B.A., D.D. Formerly Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at North Shields, afterwards Professor of Theology in the Presbyterian College of Otago, and now Professor of Philosophy in the University of Otago.
643. JAMES DOUGALL. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 HONORARY Nov. 25, 1854.
 Minister of Stoneykirk.
644. JOHN M'CARTER.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 RESIGNED Feb. 23, 1856.
 Formerly Missionary in South Africa, afterwards in New Zealand, and now at Miramichi, Nova Scotia, Canada.
645. WILLIAM W. IRELAND.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
646. JOHN WATT. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 HONORARY Feb. 23, 1856.
 Minister of the Church of Scotland at Kandy, Ceylon.
 ESSAYS:
 The Minnesingers.
 The Poets succeeding Chaucer.
647. EDWARD RANKINE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 HONORARY Mar. 27, 1855.
 Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Belhelvie.
648. WILLIAM B. THOMSON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of the United Presbyterian Church, Wolverhampton. Died 1867.
649. JAMES PILLANS MACDOUGALL.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 HONORARY Nov. 14, 1857.
 Sometime Minister at Arbroath, afterwards of Hoy and Graemsay. Died 1887.
 ESSAYS:
 The Italian Republics of the Middle Ages.
 Craigmook Castle.
 Dreams and Apparitions.
Valedictory Address, 1858.
650. JAMES PITT EDGAR. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1853.
 HONORARY Nov. 14, 1857.
 Minister of Dunbog, Newburgh.

ESSAYS :

Critique on Sir Walter Scott's Poem of Marmion.

The Poets and Poetry of the Nineteenth Century.

Introductory Address, 1885.

651. JAMES MONCREIFF.

HONORARY Dec. 10, 1853.

Now Lord Moncreiff of Tulliebole, Lord Justice-Clerk of Scotland. See p. xlviiii.

652. JAMES DRYSDALE.

ADMITTED Dec. 17, 1853.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

653. J. HOME.

ADMITTED Jan. 28, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

654. JOHN DAWSON.

ADMITTED Feb. 18, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Sometime Chaplain at Umballa, India, afterwards Minister of Dunnichen, and latterly of Makerstoun. Died 1879.

655. WALTER WADDELL.

ADMITTED Feb. 18, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Borthwick.

656. JAMES YOUNG. D.

ADMITTED Mar. 4, 1854.

RENIGED Feb. 24, 1855.

Army Chaplain. Now dead.

ESSAY :

The Druids.

657. ANDREW W. MACKIE.

ADMITTED MAR. 11, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

658. HENRY YOUNG, D.S.

ADMITTED Mar. 11, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

659. DONALD GRANT.

ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland. Became permanently invalided.

660. WILLIAM WHITFIELD.

ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.A. Sometime Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Dunbar. Retired 1885. Now resident in Canada.

ESSAY :

The Foundation and Rules of Moral Obligation.

661. JAMES MILLER M'CULLOCH.

ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1854.

HONORARY Nov. 27, 1858.

Formerly Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, at Newton-Stewart; now of Grange Free Church, Kilmarnock.

ESSAYS :

Scottish Song.

The Life and Writings of Delta.

662. JAMES M. M'CALLUM.

ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

663. ROBERT KEITH DICK HORNE.

ADMITTED Dec. 9, 1854.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Sometime Minister of Corstorphine. Retired 1881. Now resident in Dresden.

664. JAMES OSWALD DYKES. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1854.

RESIGNED Dec. 12, 1857.

M.A., D.D. Formerly colleague to Dr. Candlish, Minister of Free St. George's, Edinburgh; afterwards in Australia, and now Minister of Regent Square Presbyterian Church, London. Author of *Abraham the Friend of God*, *The Manifesto of the King*, etc.

ESSAY :

On the Progress of the British Newspaper Press.

665. ROBERT HOWIE SMITH. D.S.P.

ADMITTED Jan. 6, 1855.

HONORARY Mar. 13, 1858.

Secretary to the Associated Societies, 1855-56. Sometime Editor of the *Ayr Express*, afterwards Reporter for the *Standard* in the House of Commons, and Proprietor of the *Chelsea News*. Edited the works of Sir Alexander Boswell. Died 1877.

ESSAYS :

George Gilfillan as a Critic.
George Stephenson.

666. JOHN DAVIDSON GRANT.

ADMITTED Feb. 3, 1855.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of West Calder.

667. WILLIAM BROWN.

ADMITTED Feb. 3, 1855.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Writer, Hamilton.

ESSAY :

Charles Lamb.

668. DAVID JOHNSTON.

ADMITTED Feb. 10, 1855.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Harray, Orkney.

669. JOHN ALEXANDER ROBERT-SON. P.

ADMITTED Feb. 17, 1855.

HONORARY Mar. 10, 1860.

Minister of Whitsome, Chirnside.

ESSAYS :

Lord Byron.

The Life and Writings of Robert Pollok.

670. WILLIAM HOWIE WYLIE. P.

ADMITTED Feb. 17, 1855.

HONORARY Jan. 22, 1859.

Formerly Minister of the Baptist Church, Ramsay, Huntingdon, and now Editor of the *Christian Leader*, Glasgow. Author of *Thomas Carlyle, the Man and his Books*.

ESSAYS :

Lord Palmerston.

James Boswell.

671. ALEXANDER TAYLOR INNES.
P.D.

ADMITTED Feb. 24, 1855.

HONORARY Jan. 16, 1858.

M.A. Secretary to the Associated Societies, 1856-57. Sometime Writer in Glasgow. Advocate, 1870. Advocate-Depute, 1881. Author of a *Treatise on the Law of Creeds in Scotland*.

ESSAYS :

On How far the World can work out its own Happiness.

The Literature of the Present Day in its Relation to Christianity.

The Weakness of Man.

Valedictory Address 1857 (ordered by the Society to be printed).

Introductory Address, 1868.

672. JOHN HENDERSON. S.D.P.
 ADMITTED Mar. 10, 1855.
 HONORARY, Jan. 16, 1858.
 M.A. Formerly Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Coatbridge, and afterwards Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology to the Free Italian Church at Rome. Died 1882.
 ESSAYS :
 The Right of Private Judgment.
 Toleration, its Principles and their Practicability.
 Philosophy and Religion.
Introductory Address, 1857.
673. GEORGE HERRING.
 ADMITTED 1855.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
674. JOHN WALLACE LAURIE.
 P.S.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1855.
 HONORARY Mar. 26, 1859.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Tulliallan.
 ESSAY :
 Thomas Babington Macaulay.
675. JAMES GIBSON STARKE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1855.
 HONORARY Mar. 26, 1859.
 Of Troqueer Holm. M.A. Advocate, 1862. District Judge in Jamaica, 1871. Resigned, 1876.
 ESSAYS :
 On History.
 Sir Walter Scott.
676. ALEXANDER M. CARRICK.
 ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1855.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
677. PETER CHRISTIE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1855.
 HONORARY Feb. 11, 1860.
 Minister of Abbey St. Bathans, Berwickshire.
 ESSAY :
 John Howard.
678. ANDREW FLEMING. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1856.
 HONORARY Feb. 13, 1858.
 Solicitor before the Supreme Courts, Edinburgh.
 ESSAYS :
 On Metaphysics.
 Lord Jeffrey.
 The British Constitution.
679. ALEXANDER FORBES.
 ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1856.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime Presbyterian Chaplain in India.
680. ROBERT CAMPBELL LINDSAY.
 ADMITTED Jan. 12, 1856.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Tarbolton. Died 1871.
681. ALEXANDER DINGWALL FORDYCE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1856.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 B.A. Formerly of the 49th Regiment, and afterwards of the 72d Highlanders. Retired 1877. Captain 3d Brigade Scottish Division R.A. (Militia), 1878. Now Lieut.-Colonel in command of 3d Volunteer Battalion Gordon Highlanders. Author of *Ireland, an Historical Sketch with a Moral.*

682. WALTER ROSS TAYLOR. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1856.

HONORARY Mar. 26, 1859.

M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, formerly at East Kilbride, and now of Kelvinside Free Church, Glasgow.

ESSAYS :

Human Nature, Past and Present.
Learned Ignorance.

683. WILLIAM DINGWALL FORDYCE. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1856.

HONORARY Mar. 26, 1859.

Of Brucklay, Aberdeenshire. M.A., 1857. Advocate, 1861. In 1866, after a severe contest against Sir James Dalrymple-Elphinstone, elected by a large majority M.P. for the County of Aberdeen. He was the first Liberal Member for that County. On the passing of the Reform Bill he was elected M.P. for the Eastern Division, and continued to represent that Division until his death 1875.

ESSAYS :

The Difference between Ancient and Modern Civilisation.
Scotland prior to the Roman Invasion.
Chivalry.

684. WILLIAM MILLER. S.D.P.

ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1856.

HONORARY Mar. 26, 1859.

Medallist of the Society, 1878.

M.A., LL.D. Principal of the Madras Christian College. Fellow of the University of Madras. Member of the Indian Education Commission, 1882. C.I.E., 1884. Author of *The Plan of History, The Greatest of the Judges*, etc.

ESSAYS :

The Characteristics of the Poetry of James Hogg.

Edgar Allan Poe.

A Glance at some of our Social Problems.

Valedictory Address, 1859.

685. JOHN RENWICK.

ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1856.

HONORARY Mar. 26, 1859.

B.A., Minister of Garturk. Died 1877.

ESSAYS :

Lord Bacon.

The Art of Conversation.

686. ALEXANDER HENRY LOWE.

ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1856.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Some Parts of our Periodical Literature.

687. JAMES TENNENT LYON.

ADMITTED Jan. 24, 1857.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Architect, Edinburgh; afterwards artist in London. Author of *Decoration and Ornamentation*. Died 1872.

688. JOHN M'KNIGHT.

ADMITTED Feb. 14, 1857.

DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Whitburn.

689. JOHN MORRISON SLOAN. P.S.D.

ADMITTED Mar. 7, 1857.

HONORARY Nov. 26, 1859.

M.A. Sometime Minister of the Free South Church, Aberdeen, afterwards of Anderston Free Church, Glasgow, and now of Grange Free Church, Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

Conscience, its Nature and Reality.

Goethe.

Valedictory Address, 1860.

690. WILLIAM ROBSON.
 ADMITTED Mar. 14, 1857.
 RESIGNED Dec. 19, 1857.
 M.D. Medical Missionary of the Free Church of Scotland in Calcutta; resigned 1867; afterwards Inspector of Schools, Bengal Presidency. Died 1878, when home on furlough.
691. JAMES WELLS. S.P.
 ADMITTED June 6, 1857.
 HONORARY Dec. 10, 1859.
 M.A. Formerly Minister of the Free Barony Church, Glasgow, and now of Pollokshields Free Church there. Author of *Bible Echoes*, etc.
 ESSAYS :
 Truth Realised.
 Moral and Religious Element in Platonism.
692. ALEXANDER CUSIN. D.P.
 ADMITTED June 13, 1857.
 HONORARY Feb. 25, 1860.
 M.A. Minister of Free Lady Glenorchy's Church, Edinburgh.
 ESSAYS :
 Animal Intelligence.
Introductory Address, 1858.
693. JAMES LYMBURN.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1857.
 HONORARY Feb. 25, 1865.
 M.A. Librarian to the University of Glasgow.
 ESSAY :
 Some Errors regarding Mind.
694. JOHN METHVEN ROBERTSON. P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1857.
 HONORARY Dec. 1, 1860.
 M.A. Sometime Minister of Stow, afterwards of the Tron Church, Edinburgh, and now of St. Ninian's, Stirling.
- ESSAYS :
 Theories of Mythological Interpretation.
 Positivism.
695. ALEXANDER EWING.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1857.
 RESIGNED Nov. 24, 1860.
 Minister of the English Presbyterian Church at Alyth, Northumberland; afterwards of the Free Church of Scotland at Broughty-Ferry. Died 1885.
 ESSAYS :
 Keats.
 Shelley.
696. GEORGE MORICE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 19, 1857.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Studied at the New College, Edinburgh; afterwards a Presbyterian Minister in New Zealand, where he was drowned, 1884.
697. DAVID LOWE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 16, 1858.
 RESIGNED Nov. 20, 1858.
 Formerly Minister of the Presbyterian Church in England at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and now of London Road Free Church, Glasgow.
698. ALEXANDER MACIVOR.
 ADMITTED Jan. 16, 1858.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
699. JAMES ELMSLIE DUGUID.
 ADMITTED Jan. 16, 1858.
 RESIGNED Dec. 4, 1858.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at New Machar.

700. SAMUEL MAVERICK.

ADMITTED Jan. 16, 1858.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

A Well-spent Life.

701. DAVID SOMERVILLE. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 23, 1858.
HONORARY Jan. 5, 1861.

M.A. Sometime Minister of the Free Church of Scotland in Dundee, afterwards of the Free Parish Church, Rothersey, and now of Roseburn Free Church, Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

Hero-worship.
Pascal.

702. ROBERT HUNTER.

ADMITTED Feb. 6, 1858.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Kilmore, Victoria. Died 1878.

ESSAY :

Wilberforce.

703. JOHN AFFLECK CALDOW.

ADMITTED Feb. 6, 1858.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

B.A., Durham. Vicar of Skirwith Penrith, Cumberland.

704. RODERICK MORISON. P.

ADMITTED Feb. 6, 1858.
HONORARY Jan. 26, 1861.

Formerly Minister of Bracadale; now of Kintail.

ESSAYS :

Addison.
Monachism.

705. EMILE SOMERVILLE ROLLAND.

ADMITTED Feb. 13, 1858.
CORRESPONDING Mar. 19, 1859.

Missionary in connection with the Paris Missionary Society, Orange River Free States, South Africa.

706. JAMES MERCER DUNLOP.

ADMITTED Feb. 13, 1858.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the United Presbyterian Church, formerly at Dunbar, now at Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

707. RICHARD ROSE M'QUEEN. T.P.

ADMITTED Feb. 13, 1858.
HONORARY Mar. 24, 1860.

Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, formerly at Hawick, now at Knockando, Craigellachie.

ESSAYS :

The Elizabethan Age.
Animal Intelligence.

708. JAMES GRAHAM.

ADMITTED Feb. 13, 1858.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Broughty-Ferry. Author of *The Mosaic Land-Laws; Letters on a Tour through Egypt and Syria*, etc.

709. JAMES LAWRIE.

ADMITTED Feb. 13, 1858.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

710. JOHN JACKSON. P.

ADMITTED Feb. 27, 1858.
HONORARY Dec. 15, 1860.

Formerly Minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Girvan; afterwards of the Presbyterian Church, Belize, Honduras.

ESSAYS :

Puritanism and the Puritans.
The Religious Poets of England.

711. **ALEXANDER CRABB. P.**
 ADMITTED Mar. 6, 1858.
 HONORARY Dec. 8, 1860.
 Licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church. Died 1863.
 ESSAYS :
 Poetry and its Critics.
 Self-consciousness in Education.
712. **ROBERT YOUNG.**
 ADMITTED Mar. 6, 1858.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Clerk in the service of the Bank of England. Died 1878.
713. **WILLIAM GALLETLY.**
 ADMITTED Mar. 20, 1856.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Formerly Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Peterhead ; afterwards Superintendent of the Edinburgh City Mission ; now Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Tillicoultry.
714. **ANDREW MACKAY.**
 ADMITTED May 8, 1858.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime teacher, High School, Dundee. Resigned his appointment with the view of studying for the ministry, but fell into bad health.
715. **WILLIAM BELL. P.**
 ADMITTED May 8, 1858.
 RESIGNED Nov. 17, 1860.
 M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Port-Glasgow.
 ESSAY :
 The Reformation in Britain.
716. **JAMES KNOX.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1858.
 RESIGNED Feb. 19, 1859.
 Student of Divinity, New College, Edinburgh.
717. **JOHN GULLON SMIETON. P.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1858.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Student of Divinity, Edinburgh ; discontinued studies on account of ill-health. Honorary Librarian in the Theological College of the Presbyterian Church of England.
 ESSAY :
 The Palace of Art.
718. **GEORGE GRAHAM.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1858.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Licentiate of the United Presbyterian Church ; then entered on a course of study in Medicine with the view of going abroad as a Medical Missionary. Died in 1870 before completing his studies.
719. **WILLIAM FORBES.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1858.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of the United Presbyterian Church, Eyre Place, Edinburgh. Died 1884.
720. **DAVIDSON HUNTER.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1858.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 Civilisation.
721. **ROBERT GILBERT FLETT. P.**
 ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1858.
 HONORARY Dec. 6, 1860.
 Licentiate of the English Presbyterian Church. Engaged in educational work in Liverpool.
 ESSAYS :
 Byron.
 Carlyle.
 De Quincey.

722. P. M. FEENEY.

ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1858.
RESIGNED Jan. 21, 1860.

Artist, London.

723. ROBERT BANNATYNE FINLAY.

ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1858.
RESIGNED Jan. 8, 1859.

Born 1842; studied Medicine at Edinburgh; M.D., 1863; Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, 1867; Q.C., 1882; M.P. for Inverness Burghs, 1885; re-elected, 1886.

724. JAMES LAW.

ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1858.
RESIGNED Jan. 21, 1860.

One of the Proprietors of the *Scotsman* newspaper, Edinburgh.

725. JOHN STEEL. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1858.
HONORARY Dec. 14, 1861.

M.A. Formerly Minister of Portarlington Presbyterian Church, Victoria, Australia; now of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Phillips Street, Sydney. Author of various theological works.

ESSAYS :

Mohammed.
Mohammedanism.

726. JOHN S. GUTHRIE. T.

ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1858.
HONORARY Apr. 3, 1862.

Of *The Press*, Christ Church, Canterbury, New Zealand.

ESSAYS :

Habit.
Swift.

727. DAVID MACRAE.

ADMITTED Jan. 8, 1859.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Gourock; afterwards at Dundee. Separated from the United Presbyterian Church by Act of Special Synod in 1879, on account of his views as to Future Punishment. Since then Minister of an undenominational Church in Dundee. Author of *Americans at Home*, *George Harrington*, *Diogenes among the D.D.'s*, *Book of Blunders*, *Dunvarlich*, etc.

ESSAY :

Hood.

728. ANDREW MELVILLE. P.S.D.

ADMITTED Jan. 15, 1859.
HONORARY Mar. 16, 1861.

M.A. Minister of Free St. Enoch's Church, Glasgow. Junior Principal-Clerk to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

ESSAYS :

Volition.
Waldenses.
Valedictory Address, 1861.

729. MICHAEL WATT.

ADMITTED Mar. 19, 1859.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.A. Minister of Green Island, in the Presbytery of Dunedin, Presbyterian Church of Otago, and Tutor of Sacred Languages in the Theological Hall of that Church.

730. ROBERT WRIGHT.

ADMITTED Mar. 19, 1859.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Dalbeattie, Dumfries. Died 1879.

731. ALEXANDER CANT KAY. P.
 ADMITTED Mar. 19, 1859.
 HONORARY Feb. 21, 1863.
 Formerly Minister of the Free Church
 of Scotland at Loanhead. Now
 resident in Canada.
 ESSAYS :
 Knowing and Being.
 The Influence of the Idea of Destiny on
 Oriental Thought.
732. RICHARD MORRIS STEWART.
 ADMITTED Mar. 19, 1859.
 RESIGNED Nov. 24, 1860.
 Minister of the West Church, Galashiels.
 Resigned 1883. Now resident in
 Dresden.
 ESSAY :
 Montaigne.
733. JOHN MACREDIE MURE.
 ADMITTED Mar. 24, 1859.
 RESIGNED Dec. 1, 1860.
 Younger of Perceton. Captain in the 34th
 Regiment. Died in the Afghan
 Campaign of 1879.
 ESSAY :
 Popular Superstitions.
734. GEORGE ROY BADENOCH.
 ADMITTED Mar. 26, 1859.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 LL.D., Licentiate of the Church of Scot-
 land; at one time Secretary of the
 Scottish Reformation Society in Edin-
 burgh, and now Secretary of the
 Protestant Education Institute and
 Protestant Association, London.
 Editor of *Ultramontanism*, and
 author of various religious works.
735. JAMES HOPE.
 ADMITTED May 14, 1858.
 HONORARY Dec. 14, 1861.
 B.A. Madras Civil Service, 1862
- Sometime District and Sessions
 Judge, South Arcot.
- ESSAYS :
 Thoughts on Fiction.
 Coleridge.
736. ALEXANDER J. ROBERTSON.
 ADMITTED May 21, 1859.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
737. EDWARD ROLLAND. P.
 ADMITTED June 4, 1859.
 HONORARY Feb. 21, 1863.
 M.A. LL.B. Barrister-at-Law, Middle
 Temple, 1868.
 ESSAYS :
 Edmund Burke.
 Remarks on Shakespeare's Shylock and
 Macbeth.
738. PETER MACFARLANE.
 ADMITTED June 4, 1859.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
739. JOHN BAYLDON.
 ADMITTED June 11, 1859.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.B. (London), F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E.
 Now dead.
740. BENJAMIN MARTIN, P.
 ADMITTED June 25, 1859.
 HONORARY Dec. 14, 1861.
 M.A. Minister of Trinity United Pres-
 byterian Church, Leslie, Fife.
 Author of *Messiah's Kingdom*.
 ESSAYS :
 Dante.
 Studies of Character from 'The Merchant
 of Venice.'
741. ROBERT KERR. P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 12, 1859.
 HONORARY Jan. 24, 1863.
 Advocate, 1866; Judge of the Mande-

- ville District of Jamaica, 1872. Author of two novels, *Charles Stennis, W.S.* and *Dower and Curse*. Died 1884.
- ESSAYS :
Kingsley.
Oliver Cromwell.
742. ANDREW TAYLOR.
ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1859.
DROPPED FROM ROLL
743. DAVID BLACK. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 26, 1859.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Penpont, Thornhill.
ESSAYS :
Mythology Natural to Man.
Tennyson.
The Crusades.
Valedictory Address, 1862.
744. JOSEPH TORRIE.
ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1859.
DROPPED FROM ROLL
745. ALEXANDER YEATS.
ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1859.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Advocate, Aberdeen.
746. ROBERT PASLEY STEVENSON.
ADMITTED Dec. 10, 1859.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Solicitor before the Supreme Courts, 1863. Town-Clerk of Portobello.
747. WILLIAM STEVENSON.
ADMITTED Jan. 21, 1860.
RESIGNED Nov. 24, 1860.
M.A. Formerly Missionary of the Free Church of Scotland in Madras ; now Secretary to the Ladies' Society of the Free Church of Scotland for Female Education in India and South Africa.
748. ANDREW FLEMING HUTCHISON.
ADMITTED Feb. 25, 1860.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Rector of the High School, Stirling.
749. GEORGE SMEATON, P.
ADMITTED Feb. 25, 1860.
HONORARY Mar. 26, 1864.
Indian Civil Service. Died 1872.
ESSAYS :
Schiller.
Democracy.
750. ALAN CADELL. T.S.D.P.
ADMITTED Mar. 10, 1860.
HONORARY Apr. 5, 1862.
B.A. Bengal Civil Service, 1862 ; sometime Magistrate and Collector, Aligarh, now officiating Opium Agent, Ghazipur, North-West Provinces.
ESSAYS :
Schiller.
The Constitution of England.
751. HUGH WILLIAM MACKAY GORDON. P.S.D.
ADMITTED Mar. 24, 1860.
HONORARY Mar. 4, 1865.
M.A. Minister of the English Presbyterian Church at Bolton. Died 1873.
ESSAYS :
The Philosophy of Popular Superstition.
Modern Novels.
Valedictory Address, 1865.
752. JAMES KENNEDY.
ADMITTED Mar. 24, 1860.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Bengal Civil Service, 1863. Magistrate and Collector, North-West Provinces.

753. LINDESAY BELL.
 ADMITTED May 12, 1860.
 RESIGNED Nov. 17, 1860.
 M.A. Chaplain to H.M. Prison, Duke Street, Glasgow.
754. ALEXANDER MILNE DALRYMPLE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 10, 1860.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Sometime Minister of the English Presbyterian Church, Smethwick, Birmingham, and now of the Presbyterian Church, Clutha, Otago, New Zealand.
 ESSAYS :
 Macaulay.
 Life of Cicero.
755. JOHN BROUN BROUN-MORISON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1860.
 HONORARY Dec. 9, 1865.
 Of Finderlie Lodge, Kinross, and West Errol and Coupar Grange, Perthshire.
756. DAVID DOUGLAS BANNERMAN.
 P.S.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1860.
 HONORARY Nov. 28, 1863.
 M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, formerly at Dalkeith ; now of St. Leonard's Free Church, Perth. Author of *The Scripture Doctrine of the Church*, etc. Cunningham Lecturer, 1887.
 ESSAYS :
 The Early German Epics.
 The Forerunners of the Scottish Reformation.
Valedictory Address, 1863.
The Nibelungenlied.
757. WILLIAM COWAN. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1860.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of Arts, University of Edinburgh.
 Died 1865.
 ESSAYS :
 Homer.
 William Dunbar.
 The Theistic Argument.
758. CHARLES P. NICOLSON. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1860.
 RESIGNED Jan. 23, 1864.
 M.B. Missionary, Edinburgh.
 ESSAYS :
 On the Immortality of the Soul.
 The Turkish Empire.
 Hereditary and Elective Monarchies.
759. EBENEZER JOHNSTONE BARTON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1860.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Bengal Civil Service, 1862, Magistrate and Collector, Jessore.
 ESSAY :
 The Physiology of the Globe.
760. JOHN JAMES MUIR.
 ADMITTED Nov. 24, 1860.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 F.L.S. Formerly Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Innellan ; now of the English Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, Liverpool.
761. GEORGE PAULIN.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1860.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Formerly Minister of Overstoun, Wishaw, now of Muckart.
762. PETER BAIN.
 ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1861.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.

763. JAMES ROBERT WILSON.
 ADMITTED Jan. 12, 1861.
 HONORARY Dec. 5, 1863.
 Solicitor, Sanquhar.
 ESSAYS :
 On Taste.
 Feudalism.
764. FRANK MUDIE. S.D.P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 19, 1861.
 HONORARY Mar. 26, 1864.
 M.A. Secretary to the Associated Societies, 1863-64; Minister of Free High Street Church, Arbroath. Died 1886.
 ESSAYS :
 Christopher North.
 The Materialistic Tendency of the Age (I.).
Valedictory Address, 1864.
 The Materialistic Tendency of the Age (II.).
765. ARCHIBALD JOLLY. T.P.
 ADMITTED Feb. 16, 1861.
 HONORARY Mar. 18, 1865.
 Formerly Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, Walls, Shetland; now of the Parish of Dunnet, Caithness.
766. THOMAS TRAIN GRAY.
 ADMITTED May 25, 1861.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Clerk and Treasurer to the Leith School Board.
767. — MITCHELL.
 ADMITTED June 15, 1861.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
768. WILLIAM BAXTER.
 ADMITTED June 15, 1861.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
769. WILLIAM IVERACH. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1861.
 DIED 1863, WHILE PRESIDENT.
 M.A. Student of Divinity, New College, Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 On the Advantages of Debating Societies.
770. GEORGE DUNCAN LOW. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1861.
 HONORARY Mar. 26, 1864.
 M.A. Formerly Minister of the Free North Church, Aberdeen; now of Fountain-bridge Free Church, Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 Weimar and its Literary Associations.
771. WILLIAM WARRAND CARLILE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 25, 1862.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Sometime Editor of the *Hawke's Bay Gazette*, now resident at Woodville, New Zealand.
 ESSAYS :
 Dr. Johnson.
 English Satire.
772. — DONALDSON.
 ADMITTED Apr. 5, 1862.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
773. WILLIAM PRINGLE.
 ADMITTED Apr. 5, 1862.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
774. GEORGE ROBERTSON.
 ADMITTED May 24, 1862.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Whitby.
 ESSAYS :
 Lord Brougham.
 Early Scottish History.

775. WILLIAM MACGAVIN GREIG. P.S.
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1862.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of Law, University of Edinburgh;
 now in America.
 ESSAY :
 Daniel Webster.
776. JOHN SINCLAIR. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1862.
 HONORARY Mar. 25, 1865.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland
 at Grangemouth; afterwards of St.
 Bernard's Free Church, Edinburgh.
 Resigned 1884.
 ESSAYS :
 The Influence of Scenery on Character.
 Theories of Conscience.
777. WILLIAM KENNEDY MUIR. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1862.
 HONORARY Apr. 1, 1865.
 M.A. Licentiate of the Free Church of
 Scotland; afterwards Minister of a
 congregation in Melbourne, Aus-
 tralia, where he died.
 ESSAYS :
 David Gray, Glasgow's last Poet.
 The Philosophy of the Infinite.
778. JAMES MELLIS. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1862.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Formerly Minister of the Free
 Church of Scotland at Carnbee; now
 of the English Presbyterian Church,
 Southport, Lancashire.
 ESSAYS :
 Superstition.
 Satisfaction with Suffering as Punish-
 ment a real Feeling in Human Nature.
779. JOHN RAE. S.D.P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 15, 1862.
 HONORARY Dec. 9, 1865.
 M.A. Secretary to the Associated Soci-
 eties, 1866. Licentiate of the Free
 Church of Scotland. Sub-Editor of
 the *Contemporary Review*, London.
 Author of *Contemporary Socialism*.
 ESSAYS :
 Berkeley.
 Mill v. Hamilton.
Valedictory Address, 1866.
780. JOHN FAIRLEY.
 ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1862.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A.
 ESSAY :
 Malebranche.
781. WILLIAM GOW GREGOR. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1862.
 HONORARY Dec. 9, 1865.
 Student of Divinity, New College, Edin-
 burgh; afterwards a public reader.
 Sometime Secretary to the Crystal
 Palace Company.
 ESSAYS :
 The Life and Writings of Horace.
 Thackeray.
782. ROBERT FINLAYSON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 22, 1862.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 B.A. Minister of the East United Pres-
 byterian Church, Earlstoun.
783. JOHN FORREST.
 ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1862.
 RESIGNED Nov. 28, 1863.
784. JOHN WEMYSS. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 29, 1862.
 HONORARY Mar. 11, 1865.
 M.A. Minister of Hope Park Congre-
 gational Chapel, Edinburgh.

- ESSAYS :
Atheism and Superstition.
Origin and Effects of the Thirty Years' War.
785. — THORBURN.
ADMITTED Dec. 6, 1862.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
786. ALLAN HOLMES.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1862.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, 1869.
Now in practice in Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand.
- ESSAY :
Oliver Goldsmith.
787. JAMES COPLAND. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1862.
CORRESPONDING Dec. 3, 1864.
- ESSAY :
Christopher North.
788. JOHN SUTHERLAND BLACK. P.
ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1863.
HONORARY Jan. 25, 1868.
M.A. Licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland. For some time Professor of Literature and Theology in a Theological College at Seville. Now resident Editor of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, Edinburgh, to which he has contributed numerous articles.
- ESSAYS :
Plato.
Goethe's *Faust*.
789. JOHN ANDERSON GARDINER.
T.P.D.
ADMITTED Feb. 14, 1863.
HONORARY Jan. 11, 1868.
B.A. Formerly Minister of the English Presbyterian Church in Manchester ;
now of the Free Church of Scotland, Langside, Glasgow.
- ESSAY :
Hamlet.
790. DAVID DOUGALL.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1863.
RESIGNED Jan. 9, 1864.
Solicitor, Ayr.
791. ROBERT MORRISON.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1863.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Sub-Principal of the Scottish College, Melbourne, Australia.
792. MATTHEW P. JOHNSTONE. P.S.
ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1863.
HONORARY Mar. 31, 1866.
Minister of the Middle Free Church, Greenock.
- ESSAYS :
The Influences of the Crusades on Literature and Art.
Macaulay.
793. JOHN MITCHELL. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1863.
HONORARY Jan. 26, 1867.
M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Lauder. Died 1882.
- ESSAYS :
Man Compared with the Lower Animals in Respect of Instinct and Intelligence.
Whig and Tory.
794. WILLIAM MEIKLEJOHN. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1863.
HONORARY Jan. 13, 1866.
M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, South Kingarth, Bute.
Died 1885.
- ESSAYS :
Milton.
Edward Irving.

795. THOMAS SINCLAIR. S.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1863.
 HONORARY Mar. 4, 1880.
 Engaged in literary work in London.
 Author of *The Mount, Humanities*,
 and other works.
 ESSAYS :
 The Propagation of Opinion.
 Art.
796. JAMES IVERACH. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1863.
 HONORARY Jan. 13, 1866.
 M.A. Minister of the Free Church of
 Scotland at West Calder, afterwards
 at Ferryhill, Aberdeen; now Pro-
 fessor of Apologetics, Free Church
 College, Aberdeen. Author of *Is
 God Knowable?* and other works.
 ESSAYS :
 The Brontës.
 George Eliot as a Novelist.
797. JOHN DONALDSON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1863.
 HONORARY Nov. 25, 1865.
 Student of Divinity, New College, Edin-
 burgh. Now dead.
 ESSAY :
 Buckle.
798. HUGH ROSS. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1863.
 HONORARY Mar. 21, 1868.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland,
 formerly at Collessie, and now of
 St. Andrew's Free Church, Kilmar-
 nock.
 ESSAYS :
 Charles Lamb.
 English Deists.
799. ROBERT NIMMO SMITH.
 ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1863.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of the First Charge, Hadding-
 ton.
 ESSAY :
 The Song and Ballad Poetry of Ireland.
800. — GRANT.
 ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1863.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
801. DAVID EBENEZER IRONS. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1863.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 B.D. Minister of Bethany Congregational
 Church, Bridgeton, Glasgow.
802. DAVID MUIR CONNOR.
 ADMITTED Dec. 19, 1863.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., LL.B. Minister of the United
 Presbyterian Church, formerly at
 Biggar, now at Govanhill Glasgow.
803. GEORGE ELDER.
 ADMITTED Dec. 19, 1863.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of the Free Church of
 Scotland at Borgue, Kirkcudbright.
804. ARCHIBALD COOK SUTHER-
 LAND. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 16, 1864.
 HONORARY Mar. 23, 1867.
 M.A., B.D. Formerly Minister of the
 Free Church of Scotland at Dalguise,
 and now of Clare Presbyterian
 Church, Adelaide, South Australia.
 ESSAYS :
 Scandinavian Mythology.
 The *Prometheus* of Æschylus.

805. ALFRED WILLIAM LUPTON.

ADMITTED Jan. 23, 1864.
RESIGNED Nov. 26, 1864.

M.B., F.R.C.S.E. A native of Patani, Singapore; for some time Surgeon in the Transatlantic Mail Service. Died 1876.

806. JOHN WILLIAM PRINGLE.

ADMITTED Jan. 23, 1864.
RESIGNED Dec. 1, 1866.

M.A. Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Jedburgh.

807. ANDREW JOHN YOUNG.

ADMITTED 1864.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.A. Advocate, 1868. Standing Counsel for the Inland Revenue.

808. ANDREW JACKSON.

ADMITTED June 4, 1864.
RESIGNED Dec. 1, 1866.

M.A.

809. THOMAS MARTIN LINDSAY. P.

ADMITTED Nov. 12, 1864.
HONORARY Mar. 9, 1867.

M.A., D.D. Professor of Church History, Free Church College, Glasgow. Convener of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland. Translator of Ueberweg's *History of Philosophy*. Author of numerous articles in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, and elsewhere.

ESSAYS :

British and German Idealism.
Mr. Hutchison Stirling and the Scottish Philosophy.
Introductory Address, 1878.

810. ROBERT BROWN.

ADMITTED Nov. 12, 1864.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

ESSAY :

Walter Savage Landor.

811. GORDON WEBSTER. P.S.D.

ADMITTED Nov. 12, 1864.
HONORARY Feb. 2, 1867.

M.A. Sometime Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Girvan, and now of a Presbyterian Church in Christchurch, New Zealand.

ESSAYS :

Sociology.
Toleration.

812. CHARLES DONALD KAY. T.S.D.P.

ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1864.
HONORARY Mar. 2, 1867.

M.A. Secretary to the Associated Societies, 1867. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, formerly at Innerleithen, and afterwards at Comrie, and now of the English Presbyterian Church at Woolston, Southampton.

ESSAYS :

Professor Ferrier.
Robertson of Brighton.
Valedictory Address, 1867.

813. JOHN KINNINMONT.

ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1864.
HONORARY Mar. 25, 1870.

Student of Law, University of Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

The Knights Templars.
Thoughts on Botany and Natural History.

814. DAVID BALSILLIE. P.S.D.

ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1864.
HONORARY Jan. 30, 1869.

M.A. Licentiate of the Church of Scot-

land. House-Governor and Chaplain
of Donaldson's Hospital, Edinburgh.

ESSAYS :

The Introspective and Psychological
Methods of explaining the Moral
Faculty.

Valedictory Address, 1868.

815. FREDERICK E. GIBSON.

ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1864.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Of the Home Civil Service.

816. ROBERT JAMES MUIR.

ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1864.
CORRESPONDING Dec. 1, 1866.

M.A. H.M. Inspector of Schools.

ESSAY :

Tractarianism.

817. ALEXANDER TODD.

ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1864.
HONORARY Nov. 25, 1865.

M.A. Minister of Kingsbarns, Fife.

818. ALEXANDER DOUGLAS ORR.

ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1864.
CORRESPONDING Dec. 2, 1865.

B.A. Cantab.

ESSAYS :

Tennyson.
Cambridge.

819. JAMES GEORGE.

ADMITTED Mar. 25, 1865.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of Wishart United Presbyterian
Church, Dundee.

ESSAYS :

Othello.
Longfellow as a Poet.

820. CHARLES M'NEIL.

ADMITTED May 13, 1865.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

M.A. Minister of the Free Church of
Scotland, formerly at Juniper Green,
now at Dumfries.

821. JOHN ANNAND.

ADMITTED May 13, 1865.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Sometime Teacher in the Normal School,
Cape Town. Died 1884.

ESSAY :

The Immortality of the Soul.

822. HUGH HAMILTON BROWNING.

P.

ADMITTED May 27, 1865.
HONORARY Jan. 30, 1869.

M.A. Sometime Mathematical Master
of Crieff Academy. Now in Glas-
gow.

ESSAYS :

Robert Burns.
Great Men.

823. JOHN SUTHERLAND.

ADMITTED Nov. 11, 1865.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Minister of a Presbyterian Church, North
Tiara, New Zealand.

824. PETER PETERSON. T.

ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1865.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

Professor of Sanskrit in Bombay Univer-
sity; Editor of various Sanskrit
Classics.

825. JOHN KENNEDY.

ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1865.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.

826. GEORGE BROWN.

ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1865.
RESIGNED Jan. 18, 1868.

M.A., B.D. Sometime Student of
Divinity, United Presbyterian Hall,

- Edinburgh, afterwards Curate of Millom, thereafter Chaplain at St. Petersburg, and now Chaplain of H.M. Military Prison, Brixton.
827. JAMES IVERACH.
 ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1865.
 HONORARY Nov. 28, 1868.
 M.A.
 ESSAYS :
 The Advantages of Debating Societies.
 True Morality.
828. GEORGE TWENTYMAN. T.
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1865.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., B.D. Minister of the Congregational Church at New Barnet, Herts.
 ESSAY :
 Swiss Scenery.
829. JOHN FERGUSON.
 ADMITTED Jan. 13, 1866.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 ESSAY :
 The Law of Deathbed in Scotland.
830. WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM.
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1866.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
831. ALEXANDER JAMES IRVINE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 24, 1866.
 RESIGNED Dec. 12, 1868.
 M.A. Captain in the 69th Foot (2nd Battalion, Welsh Regiment) ; now on Reserve of Officers.
 ESSAYS :
 The Crusades.
 The Knights of the Round Table.
832. JAMES GALBRAITH.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1866.
 HONORARY Jan. 22, 1870.
 M.A. Solicitor, Glasgow.
- ESSAYS :
 Charles v. and his Times.
 Government.
833. THOMAS THOMSON M'LAGAN.
 T.P.S.D.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1866.
 HONORARY Feb. 6, 1869.
 M.A. Classical Master, High School of Edinburgh.
 ESSAYS :
 The Relation between Landlord and Tenant in Ireland.
 The General Relations between England and Scotland before the Union.
834. DAVID PATRICK. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1866.
 HONORARY Feb. 4, 1871.
 M.A., B.D. Editor of *Chambers's Encyclopaedia*.
 ESSAY :
 Enthusiasm.
835. GEORGE FORBES. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1866.
 HONORARY Mar. 27, 1869.
 M.A. Student of Divinity at Edinburgh University ; afterwards Professor of Philosophy in Macgill College, Montreal. Died 1871.
 ESSAYS :
 The Use of Physical Force in the Propagation of Opinion.
 Concerning a certain Modern Affectation.
Valedictory Address, 1869.
836. WILLIAM CHALMERS SMITH.
 P.D.
 ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1866.
 HONORARY Dec. 18, 1869.
 M.A., LL.B. Secretary to the Associated

- Societies, 1869-70; Advocate, 1875.
Joint author of a treatise on *Local Government in Scotland*, and author of a treatise on the *Secretary of State for Scotland*.
- ESSAYS :
Modern Luxury.
The Church.
Clerical Morals.
837. ANDREW HENDERSON LEITH FRASER. T.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1866.
HONORARY Mar. 18, 1886.
M.A. Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, 1874. Bengal Civil Service, 1871; Junior Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces at Nagpur; for three years Acting Chief Secretary.
- ESSAY :
The British Constitution.
838. GEORGE HERON AITCHISON. T.
ADMITTED Jan. 5, 1867.
RESIGNED Dec. 12, 1868.
M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.E. In practice in Edinburgh, where he died 1881.
- ESSAY :
Toleration.
839. JAMES ADAMS WALKER.
ADMITTED Jan. 19, 1867.
RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1867.
For some time in the army; afterwards went to America, where he died.
- ESSAYS :
A Bill of Ways and Means.
Under Mrs. Grundy's Umbrella.
840. JAMES WATT.
ADMITTED Jan. 26, 1867.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
841. WILLIAM ADAM STARK. P.S.D.
ADMITTED Feb. 2, 1867.
HONORARY Jan. 29, 1870.
Minister of Kirkpatrick-Durham.
- ESSAYS :
Suicide.
Political Clubs at Athens and Rome.
Valedictory Address at close of Summer Session, 1868.
Valedictory Address, 1870.
842. JOHN A. GILLESPIE.
ADMITTED Feb. 2, 1867.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Student of Law, University of Edinburgh.
843. WILLIAM DONALDSON.
ADMITTED Feb. 9, 1867.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Headmaster of Viewpark School, Edinburgh.
844. JAMES FENTON. P.S.T.
ADMITTED Feb. 9, 1867.
HONORARY Feb. 5, 1870.
M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Wallacetown, Dundee.
- ESSAYS :
A Week in the West.
Ruskin's Theory of Weather.
845. ROBERT L. JACK.
ADMITTED Feb. 9, 1867.
RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1867.
846. THEOBALD ADRIAN PALM.
ADMITTED Feb. 16, 1867.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A., M.D. Formerly Medical Missionary, in Japan. Now in practice at Chard, Dorset.

847. PATRICK WELSH.
 ADMITTED Feb. 16, 1867.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., Writer, Stirling, and one of the
 Procurator-Fiscals for the County.
848. WILLIAM LIVINGSTONE.
 ADMITTED Mar. 9, 1867.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
849. WILLIAM WILSON.
 ADMITTED Mar. 16, 1867.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Headmaster of Morgan's Hospital,
 Dundee.
850. ROBERT MACINTOSH. T.P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1867.
 HONORARY Mar. 18, 1871.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland
 at Alva.
 ESSAY :
 The Desire for Knowledge and Society.
851. JAMES A. REID. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1867.
 DIED 1869, while President.
 Student of Divinity, United Presbyterian
 Hall, Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 Scandinavian Literature.
852. THOMAS RAIN. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1867.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of Hutton and Corrie.
 ESSAYS :
 Chivalry.
 Development.
853. ANDREW DOUGLAS. P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 HONORARY Mar. 12, 1870.
 M.A. Minister of the Abbey Church,
 Arbroath.
- ESSAYS :
 Coleridge.
 The Law of Compensation.
854. JAMES C. COCHRANE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A.
855. THOMAS KIRKUP. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 CORRESPONDING Dec. 18, 1869.
 M.A. Engaged in literary work in Edin-
 burgh. Author of *An Inquiry into
 Socialism*, and of numerous articles
 in the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, and
 elsewhere.
 ESSAY :
 Lucretius and Comte.
856. LEANDER GEORGE MACNEIL.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 CORRESPONDING Dec. 12, 1868.
 M.A. Professor of Classics, Prince of
 Wales College, Charlotte Town,
 Prince Edward Island.
857. WILLIAM STEVENSON PURVES.
 S.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 CORRESPONDING Dec. 10, 1870.
 LL.B. Advocate, 1873. Died 1884.
 ESSAYS :
 Methods of Studying History.
 Jurisprudence.
858. WILLIAM BUCHANAN.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
859. JOHN WATSON LEITH. P.T.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 CORRESPONDING Feb. 12, 1870.
 B.D. Minister of Old Meldrum, Aber-
 deenshire.

860. JOHN SIME COWAN. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.B., C.M. In practice at Dunbar,
 where he died in 1880.
 ESSAY :
 The Legend of Good Women.
861. ROBERT HENRY SMITH. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 HONORARY MAR. 16, 1872.
 M.I.C.E., M.I.M.E. Member of the
 Japanese Order of the Rising Sun.
 Professor of Engineering, Mason
 College, Birmingham.
 ESSAYS :
 The Rational Observance of the Sunday.
 The Education of the Working Classes.
862. ALEXANDER ERSKINE SHAND.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1867.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of the North Parish
 Church, Greenock.
863. JAMES STALKER. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 19, 1868.
 CORRESPONDING Dec. 18, 1869.
 M.A. Formerly Minister of St. Bryce-
 dale Free Church, Kirkcaldy; now
 of St. Matthew's Free Church,
 Glasgow. Author of *Life of Christ*
 and *Life of St. Paul*.
864. ROBERT MARCUS GUNN. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., M.B., Edin.; F.R.C.S. Eng.
 Arris and Gale Lecturer on Com-
 parative Anatomy and Physiology to
 the Royal College of Surgeons of
 England. In practice in London,
 where he also holds important
 Hospital appointments.
- ESSAY :
 The Symbols of the Human Form.
865. JOHN MARSHALL.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1868.
 CORRESPONDING Dec. 11, 1869.
 M.A. Edin. and Oxon. Barrister-at-
 Law, Lincoln's Inn, 1874. Rector of
 the High School of Edinburgh.
866. JAMES MALTMAN. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Licentiate of the Free Church of
 Scotland.
 ESSAY :
 Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman
 Empire*.
867. ARCHIBALD BISSET. P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of Ratho.
 ESSAY :
 Mr. Buckle's Theory of the Science of
 History.
868. THOMAS PHILIP.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime teacher of Mathematics, Edin-
 burgh.
869. HOWARD HENDERSON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1868.
 HONORARY April 1, 1871.
 Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
 ESSAY :
 On the Law School of Bologna in the
 Middle Ages.
870. GEORGE CHARLES.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1868.
 RESIGNED Nov. 13, 1869.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland
 at Busby. Died 1877.

871. DUNCAN M'DONALD.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D. In practice in Bombay.
872. ANDREW WILLIAM KERR.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1868.
 RESIGNED Nov. 20, 1869.
 Of the Royal Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh; Secretary of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland, and Author of a *History of Banking in Scotland*.
873. DAVID SINCLAIR.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1868.
 CORRESPONDING Nov. 13, 1869.
 M.A. Superintendent of the Church of Scotland Mission, Madras; author of a *History of India*, and other works.
874. ERNEST HOUSTON FORJETT.
 ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime Student of Medicine, University of Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 Progress.
875. ALEXANDER TAIT.
 ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of a Presbyterian Church in New Zealand.
 ESSAY :
 Self-Government.
876. HENRY GOUDY.
 ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., LL.B. Advocate, 1872; Joint author of a *Treatise on Local Government in Scotland*, and author of a *Treatise on the Law of Bankruptcy*.
877. THOMAS RADFORD KING.
 ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D. In practice at Howick, Natal, South Africa.
878. JAMES BONALLO. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 5, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A., B.D. Minister of Auldearn, Nairn.
 ESSAY :
 British Druidism.
879. ROBERT BROWN.
 ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of Law.
880. JOHN MANN.
 ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1868.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A.
881. JAMES DICK.
 ADMITTED Dec. 19, 1868.
 RESIGNED Feb. 12, 1870.
 Died 1887.
882. ALEXANDER SKENE.
 ADMITTED Jan. 9, 1869.
 CORRESPONDING Dec. 18, 1869.
 M.A. Minister of the Union Free Church, Glasgow.
883. CHARLES SHAW. P.
 ADMITTED Jan. 30, 1869.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, formerly at Kinghorn, and now of St. Andrew's Free Church, Dundee.
 ESSAY :
 Abraham Lincoln.

884. ALEXANDER KENNEDY
M'DOWALL.
ADMITTED Feb. 6, 1869.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Licentiate of the Free Church of
Scotland. Now dead.
885. JAMES THAIN.
ADMITTED Feb. 27, 1869.
EXPELLED Mar. 20, 1869.
886. WILLIAM ALEXANDER GORDON
CRIEVES.
ADMITTED Mar. 20, 1869.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Now William Alexander Gordon Mac-
pherson. A Church of England
Clergyman, New Zealand.
887. JOHN JAMES MACBAIN.
ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1869.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
888. D. H. WILSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1869.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
889. ANDREW BROWN.
ADMITTED Nov. 27, 1869.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
890. PETER MORRISON.
ADMITTED Dec. 4, 1869.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
891. THOMAS MARSHALL.
ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1869.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.B., C.M. In practice in London.
892. JAMES MARSHALL. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 18, 1869.
HONORARY Jan. 17, 1878.
Sometime Assistant Librarian, Advoca-
tates' Library.
- ESSAYS :
Tennyson.
Valedictory Address, 1881.
893. ROBERT STIRLING.
ADMITTED Jan. 15, 1870.
RESIGNED Feb. 18, 1871.
Solicitor, Grangemouth.
894. JOHN GIBSON. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1870.
RESIGNED Jan. 17, 1874.
Assistant Keeper of the Natural History
Department, Museum of Science and
Art, Edinburgh. Died 1887.
ESSAY :
The Darwinian Theory.
895. CHARLES LOWE. T.
ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1870.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A., *Times* correspondent in Berlin.
Author of *Prince Bismarck, an
Historical Biography*.
ESSAY :
Statesmanship.
896. DONALD MACKINNON. P.D.
ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1870.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Professor of Celtic Languages and
Literature in the University of Edin-
burgh. A member of the Royal Com-
mission to inquire into the condition of
the Crofters and Cottars of the High-
lands and Islands of Scotland, 1883.
ESSAY :
The Philosophy of Butler.
897. JOSEPH HAY KEAY. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 19, 1870.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.B., C.M. In practice at Blairgowrie.

898. CHARLES JOHN GUTHRIE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 3, 1870.
 HONORARY Mar. 25, 1886.
 M.A. Advocate, 1875. Legal Adviser
 to the Free Church of Scotland.
 ESSAY :
 Teetotalism.
899. DANIEL CONNAN.
 ADMITTED Feb. 18, 1871.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Sometime Student of Divinity, New
 College, Edinburgh.
900. JOHN DEWAR. T.S.D.
 ADMITTED Mar. 11, 1871.
 CORRESPONDING Mar. 15, 1873.
 M.A. Minister of Kilmartin.
901. WALTER MILLER THORBURN.
 ADMITTED Mar. 25, 1871.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 B.A. Madras Civil Service, 1875. Head
 Assistant Collector and Magistrate,
 Nellore.
902. THOMAS JAMES GILCHRIST
 BOYES. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1872.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Writer, Glasgow.
 ESSAY :
Valedictory Address, 1874.
903. F. W. GILRUTH.
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1872.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
904. ROBERT BRIDGES SMITH. T.
 ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1872.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of Cranshaws, Berwick-
 shire.
905. GEORGE E. FOSTER. P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 30, 1872.
 CORRESPONDING Mar. 15, 1873.
 A native of New Brunswick, where he
 holds an important University appoint-
 ment.
906. THOMAS COMMON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 14, 1872.
 RESIGNED Jan. 10, 1874.
907. CHARLES GRAHAM LAWSON.
 S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Jan. 11, 1873.
 HONORARY Jan. 23, 1879.
 Secretary to the Associated Societies,
 1875-79. Died 1886.
 ESSAY :
 Goethe.
908. WILLIAM LESLIE WALLACE
 BROWN.
 ADMITTED Feb. 1, 1873.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of Alness.
909. FRANCIS MATTHEW SCOONE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1873.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Secretary to Dr. Barnardo's
 Homes, London.
910. JOHN CAIRNS. T.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1873.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of Buccleuch Street
 United Presbyterian Church, Dumfries.
911. JAMES COSSAR EWART. S.D.
 ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1874.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.D. Professor of Natural History ;
 formerly in the University of Aber-
 deen, and now in the University of
 Edinburgh. A Member of the
 Fishery Board for Scotland.

912. — SPENCE.
ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1874.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
913. JAMES MACKENZIE.
ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1874.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.D. In practice at Burnley, Lancashire.
914. JOHN DAVIDSON.
ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1874.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.B., C.M. In practice in Cheshire.
915. ANDREW WOOD.
ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1874.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.B., C.M. Physician to the City Fever Hospital, Edinburgh.
916. — TODDS.
ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1874.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
917. — YOUNG.
ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1874.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
918. JAMES G. CRAWFORD.
ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1874.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Limekilns.
919. JAMES ROBERT NICOLSON
MACPHAIL. S.P.D.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
HONORARY Mar. 18, 1880.
Medallist of the Society, 1884. M.A.
Advocate, 1886.
ESSAY :
Sigurd the Volsung.
920. JAMES ALEXANDER GARDNER.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
RESIGNED Nov. 14, 1878.
M.A. Advocate, 1881. Died 1887.
921. PATRICK MACDONALD PLAY-
FAIR. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
HONORARY Feb. 22, 1883.
M.A. Minister of Glencairn.
ESSAY :
Valedictory Address, 1883.
922. WILLIAM MACKAY SUTHER-
LAND.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
B.D. Minister of the Free Church of
Scotland at Clola, 1879.
923. ROBERT GEORGE RODGER.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
RESIGNED Nov. 14, 1878.
M.A. Minister of the Free Church of
Scotland at Prestonkirk.
924. WILLIAM JOHN MILLER.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Minister of the Free Church of
Scotland at Tillicoultry.
925. LOUIS JOHN AITKEN.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Barrister-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn, 1881.
926. ALEXANDER SMELLIE.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.A. Minister of the Original Secession
Church, Stranraer.
927. JOHN BUCHAN SPENCE.
ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
RESIGNED Nov. 28, 1878.
M.A., M.B., C.M. Formerly one of the
Assistant Physicians, Royal Edin-
burgh Asylum; now Medical Super-
intendent of the Colombo Asylum,
Ceylon.

928. GEORGE ALEXANDER GIBSON. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 HONORARY Mar. 18, 1880.
 M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.E., Fellow and
 Secretary Royal College of Physi-
 cians, Edinburgh.
 ESSAYS :
 Evolution.
Valedictory Address, 1882.
929. JOHN A. GILCHRIST.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 RESIGNED Nov. 28, 1878.
930. ALEXANDER MURDOCH.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
931. PATRICK CHARLES ROBERT-
 SON.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 RESIGNED Nov. 28, 1878.
 M.A. Chartered Accountant in Edin-
 burgh.
932. PATRICK ROBSON MACKAY. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 HONORARY Mar. 17, 1881.
 Minister of the Free Church of Scotland
 at Prestonpans.
933. BOSTON ELPHINSTONE FOR-
 DYCE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 RESIGNED Dec. 21, 1878.
 M.B., C.M. In practice at Cambridge.
934. CHARLES CASELY SCOTT. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 HONORARY Mar. 18, 1880.
 M.B., C.M. In practice at Twicken-
 ham.
935. WILLIAM FERGUSON. T.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 HONORARY Mar. 18, 1880.
 Resident at Westerdale, Caithness.
936. DONALD IVERACH.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 RESIGNED Nov. 28, 1878.
 M.A. Minister of the Free Church of
 Scotland at Nenthorn.
937. THOMAS SIME SHAW.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 RESIGNED Nov. 21, 1878.
 M.B., C.M. In practice at Wilming-
 ton, Durham.
938. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL
 FRASER.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 HONORARY Dec. 16, 1880.
 M.A. Edin. et Oxon. Clergyman of
 the Church of England at Bishop-
 wearmouth.
939. GEORGE LAIRD SOMERVILLE. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 HONORARY Dec. 1, 1881.
 M.B., C.M.
940. THOMAS MIDDLETON MURRAY.
 ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1877.
 RESIGNED Nov. 13, 1879.
 Writer to the Signet, 1884.
941. THOMAS LOGAN TURNBULL.
 ADMITTED Dec. 13, 1877.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
942. ERIC SUTHERLAND ROBERT-
 SON. P.
 ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1877.
 HONORARY Feb. 24, 1881.
 M.A. Professor of English Literature

and Philosophy in the University of the Punjab, Lahore. Author of *English Poetesses, Longfellow, etc.*

ESSAY :

Charles Kingsley.

943. PETER WALKER NICHOLSON. P.

ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1877.

HONORARY Jan. 13, 1881.

Mr. Nicholson, the most popular and brilliant member of his time, was drowned near Cromarty on the night of the 9th September 1885 (*act.* 29). He had already given promise of high eminence in both literature and art. A memorial volume entitled *Peter Walker Nicholson and his Works*, has recently been printed for private circulation.

ESSAYS :

Recent English Poetry.

Shelley. (Twice read before the Society.)

The Pre-Raphaelite School of English Poetry.

Browning.

Tennyson.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Poet and Painter. (Published since Mr. Nicholson's death.)

944. WILLIAM HAY.

ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1877.

DROPPED FROM ROLL

945. JAMES AITCHISON GORDON.

ADMITTED Dec. 20, 1877.

RESIGNED Nov. 14, 1878.

M.A. Minister of Swinton.

946. ANGUS MACPHAIL.

ADMITTED Jan. 3, 1878.

RESIGNED Nov. 28, 1878.

M.A. Teacher in the Free Church of Scotland Mission at Nellore, Madras,

and afterwards at Lovedale, South Africa. Died 1883.

ESSAY :

The Poetical Schools of Pope and the Lake Poets.

947. JOHN CHISHOLM.

ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1878.

HONORARY Feb. 22, 1883.

M.A., LL.B. Advocate, 1881. Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple, 1883. Contested Perth in the Conservative interest, 1885.

ESSAYS :

Buddhism.

Dreams.

Valedictory Address, 1884.

948. DAVID SMART. P.

ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1878.

HONORARY Mar. 18, 1880.

M.B., C.M., B.Sc. In practice in Liverpool.

949. JOHN LINDSAY ROBERTSON.

ADMITTED Jan. 17, 1878.

RESIGNED Nov. 14, 1878.

M.A., LL.B. H.M. Inspector of Schools.

950. WILLIAM MACDONALD.

ADMITTED Jan. 24, 1878.

RESIGNED Nov. 14, 1878.

M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Bourtreebush.

951. DUNCAN MACRAE M'LENNAN.

ADMITTED Jan. 24, 1878.

RESIGNED Nov. 14, 1878.

M.A. Minister of the Free Church of Scotland at Glenelg.

952. THOMAS J. TORROP.

ADMITTED Jan. 31, 1878.

HONORARY Mar. 10, 1881.

In business in Edinburgh.

953. WALTER JAMES LEWIS GASH.
 ADMITTED Jan. 31, 1878.
 RESIGNED Nov. 14, 1878.
 Now Walter James Lewis, B.L., Solicitor
 before the Supreme Courts, 1887. A
 member of the firm of Irons, Roberts,
 & Lewis, S.S.C. Author of *Synopsis*
of Sheriff Court Practice.
954. STEWART HENBEST CAPPER.
 ADMITTED Mar. 7, 1878.
 HONORARY Jan. 19, 1882.
 M.A. Engaged in the study of Architec-
 ture in Paris.
955. JOHN DAVIS ALLEN.
 ADMITTED Mar. 7, 1878.
 HONORARY Feb. 3, 1881.
 Medical Officer to the Friends' Foreign
 Mission, Antananarivo, Madagascar.
 ESSAY :
Valedictory Address, 1879.
956. JAMES HENRY HALLARD.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1878.
 HONORARY Dec. 1, 1881.
 B.A. Oxon. Lecturer in French, Moray
 House Training College, Edinburgh.
957. EARLE MONTEITH MACPHAIL.
 S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1878.
 HONORARY Dec. 1, 1881.
 M.A. Secretary to the Associated Socie-
 ties, 1881-1885. Student of Divinity,
 New College, Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 Proverbs.
958. CHARLES HENRY LAWRENCE
 NEISH. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1878.
 CORRESPONDING Nov. 13, 1879.
 M.A. Barrister-at-Law, Middle Temple,
 1881.
959. HAY SHENNAN. S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1878.
 HONORARY Mar. 17, 1881.
 M.A. Secretary to the Associated Socie-
 ties, 1879-81. Advocate, 1884.
 ESSAYS :
 Plato's *Republic.*
Valedictory Address, 1885.
960. GEORGE SANDISON BROCK. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1878.
 RESIGNED Nov. 13, 1879.
 M.A., M.B., C.M. In practice in Cape
 Colony.
961. ALFRED CHISHOLM.
 ADMITTED Nov. 14, 1878.
 RESIGNED Dec. 2, 1880.
 Merchant in Liverpool.
962. MARTIN BACON. T.P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1878.
 HONORARY Mar. 17, 1881.
 Resident in Manitoba, Canada.
 ESSAY :
 The Relations of Ireland with England :
 what they are, what they have been,
 and what they ought to be.
963. PETER MORRISON M'INTYRE.
 P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1878.
 HONORARY Dec. 1881.
 M.A., LL.B. Advocate, 1882.
 ESSAYS :
 Civilisation.
 Representative Government.
Valedictory Address, 1886.
964. ARCHIBALD WILLIAMSON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1878.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Merchant in Liverpool.

965. CHRISTOPHER NICHOLSON
JOHNSTON. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1878.
RESIGNED Dec. 1, 1880.
M.A. Advocate, 1880. Author of Manuals of *The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1883*, and *The Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886*.
ESSAYS :
The Death-throes of Paganism.
Faust.
966. JOHN ROBERT COSENS.
ADMITTED Nov. 21, 1878.
RESIGNED Nov. 25, 1880.
Advocate, 1884.
967. WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER LENG.
ADMITTED Nov. 28, 1878.
RESIGNED Nov. 13, 1879.
Journalist, Dundee.
968. GEORGE LOVELL GULLAND.
T.S.P.D.
ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1878.
HONORARY Nov. 16, 1882.
M.A., B.Sc., M.B., C.M. In practice in Edinburgh.
969. HERBERT TOOMER. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 12, 1878.
HONORARY Dec. 1, 1881.
M.A. Solicitor, London.
970. THOMAS MACWILLIAM.
ADMITTED Jan. 23, 1879.
RESIGNED Nov. 25, 1880.
M.A. Assistant Minister of Ladhope Established Church, Galashiels.
971. JAMES STIRLING ROBERTSON.
ADMITTED Jan. 23, 1879.
RESIGNED Mar. 4, 1880.
M.A., M.B., C.M. In practice at Marykirk, Forfarshire.
972. OGILVIE GRANT.
ADMITTED Mar. 27, 1879.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
M.B., C.M. In practice at Inverness.
973. ALEXANDER LAWSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1879.
DROPPED FROM ROLL.
Merchant in Liverpool.
974. DUNCAN CAMERON. P.
ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1879.
HONORARY Nov. 23, 1882.
Proprietor of the *Oban Times*.
975. JAMES GARDNER.
ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1879.
RESIGNED Nov. 25, 1880.
M.A. Sometime Assistant Minister of the United Presbyterian Church at North Berwick. Died 1885.
976. EDWARD BRUCE LOW.
ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1879.
RESIGNED Nov. 25, 1880.
M.A., B.L. Solicitor before the Supreme Courts, 1885. Member of the firm of Begg & Bruce Low, S.S.C., Edinburgh.
977. WILLIAM NICOLL.
ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1879.
RESIGNED Jan. 26, 1882.
M.A., LL.B. Advocate, 1882.
978. JOHN PEREGRINE ROBERTSON
WHITE.
ADMITTED Nov. 13, 1879.
HONORARY Dec. 6, 1883.
M.A. Solicitor, Arbroath.
979. EDWIN ADAM.
ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1879.
HONORARY Nov. 30, 1882.
M.A., LL.B. Advocate, 1885.

980. WILLIAM KIRK DICKSON. P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1879.
 HONORARY Nov. 16, 1882.
 M.A. Secretary to the Associated Societies, 1885-37. Advocate, 1887.
 ESSAYS :
 Keats.
 Thackeray.
 The Jacobites in Edinburgh.
981. THOMAS DAVID CRICHTON SMITH
 ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1879.
 RESIGNED Nov. 11, 1880.
 M.A. A member of the firm of Robson & Smith, Solicitors, Kelso.
982. HERBERT WATTS.
 ADMITTED Nov. 20, 1879.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Merchant in Liverpool.
983. WILLIAM ERSKINE BEGBIE.
 ADMITTED Dec. 11, 1879.
 HONORARY Nov. 23, 1882.
 M.A. Sometime student of Medicine.
 Died 1886.
984. WASTELL ARROWSMITH.
 ADMITTED Mar. 25, 1880.
 RESIGNED Nov. 25, 1880.
 Sometime Teacher in Edinburgh.
985. JOHN LEWIS MARTIN.
 ADMITTED Nov. 11, 1880.
 RESIGNED Feb. 9, 1882.
 Assistant Minister of the First United Presbyterian Church, Alloa.
986. JAMES BROWNE JOHNSTONE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 11, 1880.
 HONORARY Nov. 22, 1883.
 M.A., B.D. Assistant Minister of Free St. Matthew's Church, Glasgow.
987. DAVID ROSS STEWART.
 T.S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 11, 1880.
 HONORARY Nov. 22, 1883.
 M.A., LL.B. Advocate, 1883.
988. WILLIAM LEWIS ROBERTSON.
 P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1880.
 HONORARY Nov. 22, 1883.
 M.A. Assistant Minister of the West Free Church, Brechin.
989. ROBERT FITZROY BELL. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1880.
 HONORARY Nov. 22, 1883.
 M.A. Advocate, 1883.
 ESSAY :
Valedictory Address, 1887.
990. ROBERT STIRLING.
 ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1880.
 RESIGNED Mar. 16, 1882.
 M.A., M.B., C.M. In practice at Perth.
991. ROBERT FREER MYLES. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 18, 1880.
 HONORARY Nov. 29, 1883.
 M.A., LL.B. A member of the firm of J. & A. W. Myles, Solicitors, Forfar.
992. WALTER MUNDELL GOSSIP.
 ADMITTED Nov. 25, 1880.
 RESIGNED Nov. 24, 1881.
 Teacher, Hastings.
993. STEPHEN TOWNESEND.
 ADMITTED Dec. 2, 1880.
 RESIGNED Nov. 17, 1881.
 M.R.C.S. Eng. House-Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

994. **LOTHIAN GRAY.**
 ADMITTED Dec. 16, 1880.
 RESIGNED Feb. 24, 1882.
 M.A. Assistant Minister of St. Bernard's
 Established Church, Edinburgh.
995. **HUGH BROWN.**
 ADMITTED Feb. 10, 1881.
 HONORARY Nov. 20, 1884.
 M.A. Younger of Broadstone. Writer
 to the Signet 1885.
996. **LITELLUS BURRELL GOOLD.**
 P.
 ADMITTED Mar. 24, 1881.
 HONORARY Nov. 20, 1884.
 Artist, Edinburgh.
 ESSAYS :
 Wordsworth.
 The Spirit of Modern Art and Science.
997. **FINDLAY MUIRHEAD. P.**
 ADMITTED Mar. 24, 1881.
 HONORARY Nov. 20, 1884.
 M.A. Engaged in literary work in
 London.
 ESSAY :
 Douglas Jerrold.
998. **THOMAS DICK.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 10, 1881.
 RESIGNED Nov. 15, 1883.
 B.L. Student of Law, University of
 Edinburgh.
999. **JEAN BRUNEL LE GASSICK.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 10, 1881.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 M.A. Minister of the Congregational
 Church at Crowle, Doncaster.
1000. **ROBERT MILLER GRAY. P.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 10, 1881.
 HONORARY Nov. 20, 1884.
 M.A. Student of Divinity, New College,
 Edinburgh.
1001. **ALAN LOCKHART MENZIES.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 10, 1881.
 RESIGNED Nov. 9, 1882.
 M.A. Writer to the Signet, 1886.
1002. **ROBERT THIN. P.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 10, 1881.
 HONORARY Nov. 20, 1884.
 M.A., M.B., C.M. House-Surgeon, Royal
 Infirmary, Edinburgh.
1003. **JOHN ROBERT ROXBURGH. T.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 10, 1881.
 HONORARY Nov. 20, 1884.
 M.A. Edin. ; B.A., LL.B. Cantab.
 Student at Law, Middle Temple.
 ESSAY :
 Galileo.
1004. **GEORGE GRANVILLE SMITH.**
 S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Nov. 10, 1881.
 RESIGNED Mar. 19, 1885.
 In business in Glasgow.
 ESSAYS :
 Edgar Allan Poe.
 Evolution as applied to the Genesis of
 Language.
1005. **EDWARD PETER THOMSON.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1881.
 RESIGNED Nov. 9, 1882.
 Writer to the Signet, 1885.
1006. **ALFRED PETER HILLIER.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 17, 1881.
 RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1882.
 B.A. Cape of Good Hope ; M.B., C.M.
 Edin. In practice in Cape Colony.
1007. **GEORGE FRANCIS JOHNSTONE.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 24, 1881.
 RESIGNED Nov. 23, 1882.
 M.B., C.M. In practice at Wellington,
 Shropshire.

1008. ARTHUR FULLER.
ADMITTED Nov. 24, 1881.
RESIGNED Feb. 23, 1882.
M.B., C.M.
1009. FREDERICK WILLIAM COLLINSON.
ADMITTED Nov. 24, 1881.
RESIGNED Nov. 9, 1882.
M.B., C.M. Resident Surgeon, Infirmary, Preston.
1010. DAVID SING CAPPER.
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1881.
HONORARY Nov. 20, 1882.
Student at the Institute of Civil Engineers, London.
1011. JOHN SPENCE LAW.
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1881.
RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1882.
M.B., C.M. Assistant Medical Officer to the North Riding Asylum, Clifton.
1012. WILLIAM BROWN DUNLOP.
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1881.
RESIGNED Nov. 23, 1882.
Resident at Seton Castle, East Lothian.
1013. HENRI JEAN LE BAILLY.
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1881.
RESIGNED Feb. 23, 1882.
Formerly of Jersey, now resident in New Zealand.
1014. WILLIAM MACGILLIVRAY.
ADMITTED Dec. 1, 1881.
RESIGNED Mar. 23, 1882.
Licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland.
1015. WILLIAM GALLOWAY.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1881.
RESIGNED Nov. 15, 1883.
Journalist, Edinburgh. Died 1887.
1016. ALEXANDER STEWART GRAY.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1881.
RESIGNED Nov. 15, 1883.
Writer to the Signet, 1886.
1017. CHARLES MURRAY.
ADMITTED Dec. 8, 1881.
RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1882.
1018. JAMES GEORGE MACLEAN.
ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1881.
RESIGNED Nov. 23, 1882.
Merchant in London.
1019. BENJAMIN RENTON HALL MEIN.
ADMITTED Dec. 15, 1881.
HONORARY Nov. 20, 1882.
M.A. Student of Divinity, United Presbyterian Hall, Edinburgh.
1020. JAMES MORETON BLACK. P.
ADMITTED Dec. 22, 1881.
HONORARY Nov. 20, 1882.
M.A., LL.B. Advocate, 1884.
ESSAY :
The Influence of Rome and the Teutonic Tribes on the Language and Civilisation of Modern Europe.
1021. JAMES MACPHAIL RUSSELL.
ADMITTED Jan. 12, 1882.
RESIGNED Nov. 9, 1882.
M.A. Licentiate of the Free Church of Scotland. Professor in the Madras Christian College.
1022. PATRICK COOPER.
ADMITTED Feb. 2, 1882.
RESIGNED Nov. 9, 1882.
M.A. A member of the firm of Patrick Cooper & Son, Advocates, Aberdeen.
1023. ANDREW WILLIAM DONALD.
ADMITTED Mar. 23, 1882.
RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1882.
M.A. Student-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn.

1024. JULIUS GORDON. T.S.P.D.
 ADMITTED Mar. 23, 1882.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1885.
 Sometime Student of Divinity, New
 College, Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 Some Ethical Theories of Plato.
1025. WILLIAM STOWELL HALDANE.
 P.
 ADMITTED Mar. 23, 1882.
 W.S. Apprentice.
1026. WILLIAM BLACK STEVENSON.
 P.
 ADMITTED Mar. 23, 1882.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1885.
 M.A. Student of Divinity, University
 of Edinburgh.
 ESSAY :
 George Eliot's Positivism.
1027. WILLIAM MAGEE TUKE.
 ADMITTED Mar. 30, 1882.
 RESIGNED Nov. 16, 1882.
 Curate of the Hyde Memorial Church,
 Winchester.
1028. FREDERICK SCOTT OLIVER.
 ADMITTED Mar. 30, 1882.
 RESIGNED Nov. 9, 1882.
 B.A. Cantab. Student-at-Law, Lin-
 coln's Inn.
1029. JOHN MOORE FERGUSON.
 ADMITTED Nov. 9, 1882.
 DROPPED FROM ROLL.
 Student of Divinity, New College, Edin-
 burgh.
1030. WILLIAM BUCHAN.
 ADMITTED Nov. 9, 1882.
 RESIGNED Nov. 29, 1883.
 M.A. Advocate, 1885.
1031. FRANK TOWERS COOPER. P.
 ADMITTED Nov. 9, 1882.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1885.
 M.A., LL.B. Advocate, 1886.
1032. ARCHIBALD FLEMING.
 ADMITTED Nov. 9, 1882.
 RESIGNED Nov. 22, 1883.
 M.A. Assistant Minister of St. Cuth-
 bert's Parish, Edinburgh.
1033. JOHN WILLIAM GULLAND.
 ADMITTED Nov. 9, 1882.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1885.
 Merchant in Leith. Author of a Treatise
 on the *Navigation Laws*.
 ESSAY :
 William Cobbett.
1034. ALEXANDER PHILIP.
 ADMITTED Nov. 9, 1882.
 RESIGNED Feb. 22, 1883.
 M.A. Solicitor in Brechin.
1035. WILLIAM EBENEZER WHITE.
 ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1882.
 RESIGNED Nov. 29, 1883.
 B.A. Cantab. Licentiate of the Free
 Church of Scotland.
1036. JOHN GREEN KEMP.
 ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1882.
 RESIGNED Mar. 15, 1883.
 M.A. Minister of the Baptist Church at
 Pendleton, Manchester.
1037. THOMAS MACKINTOSH.
 ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1882.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1885.
 Writer to the Signet, 1887.
1038. JOHN JAMES COOK.
 ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1882.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1885.
 M.A., LL.B.

1039. **ALEXANDER WRIGHT. P.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 16, 1882.
 HONORARY Dec. 3, 1885.
 M.A. Master in Bondon College,
 Altrincham.
1040. **JOHN RITCHIE.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1882.
 RESIGNED Nov. 20, 1884.
 M.A. Student of Law.
1041. **THOMAS CHALMERS.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1882.
 RESIGNED Nov. 27, 1884.
 W.S. Apprentice.
1042. **ALEXANDER CONNELL.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1882.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1885.
 M.A. Student of Divinity, New College,
 Edinburgh.
1043. **ANDREW ELLIOT. P.**
 ADMITTED Nov. 23, 1882.
 HONORARY Nov. 19, 1885.
 M.A. Student of Medicine, University
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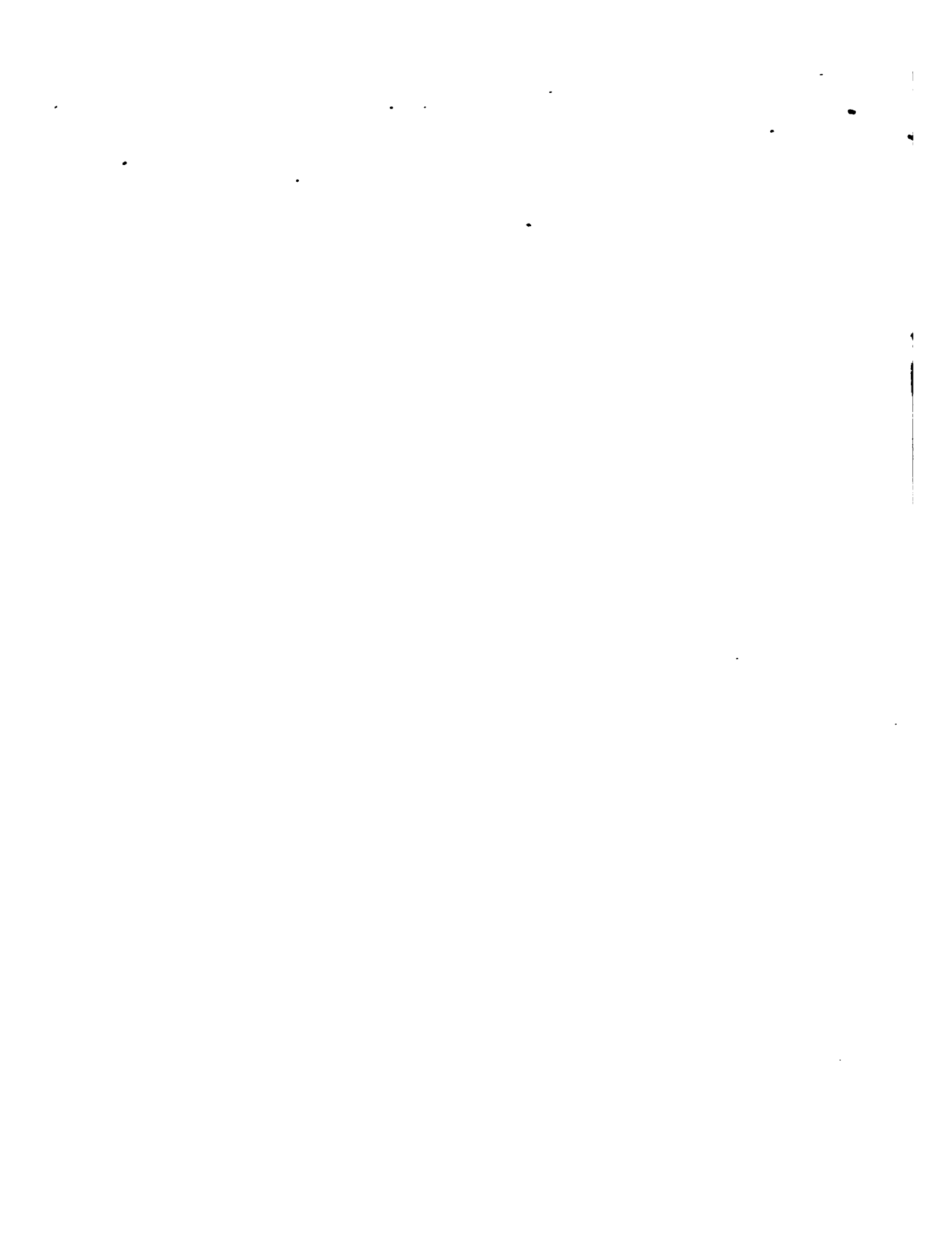
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